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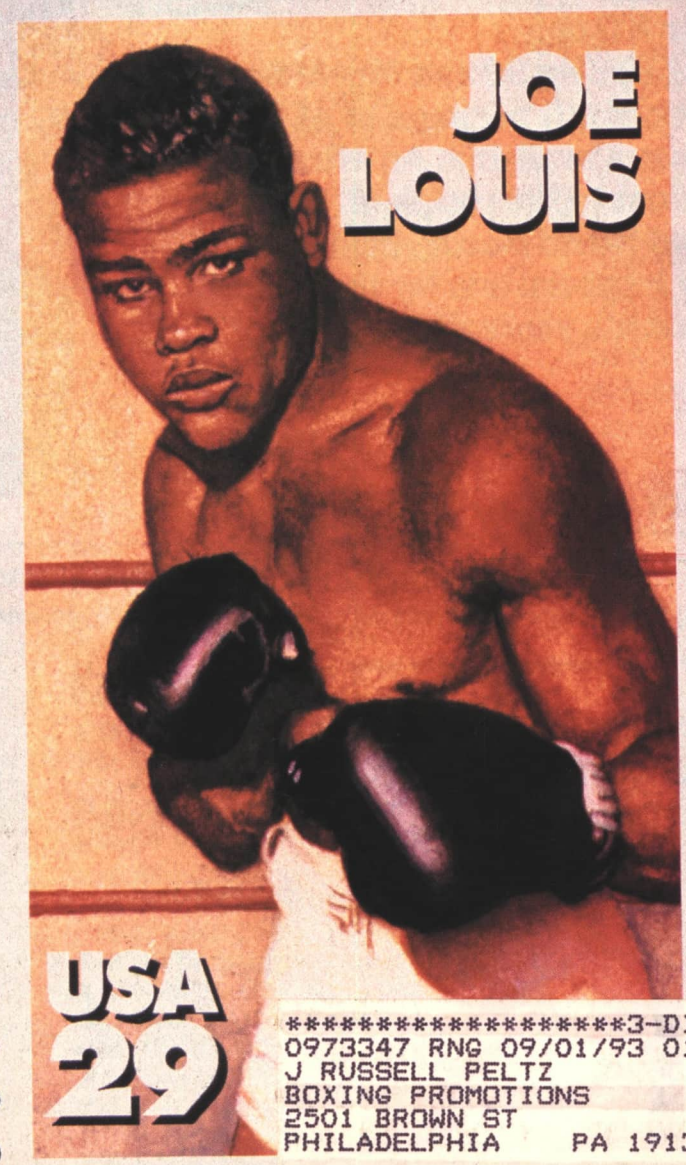

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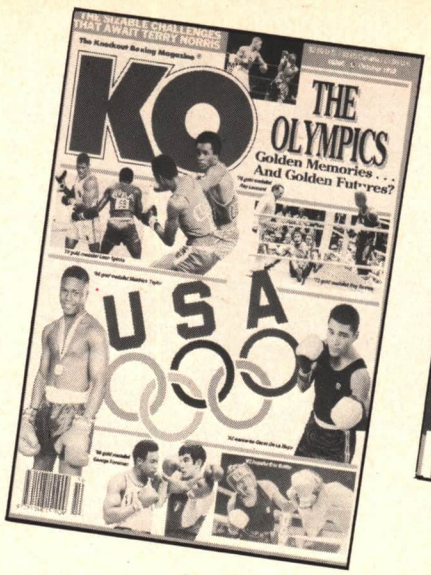

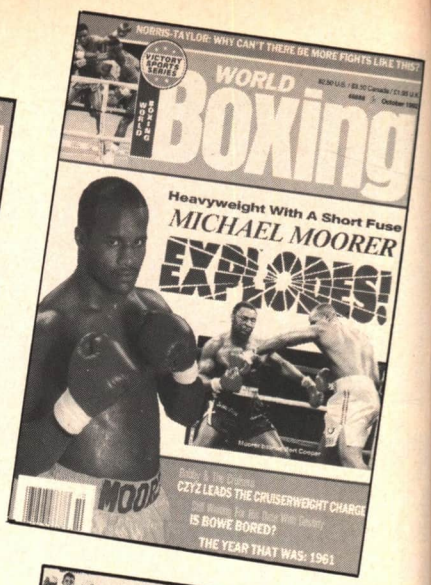

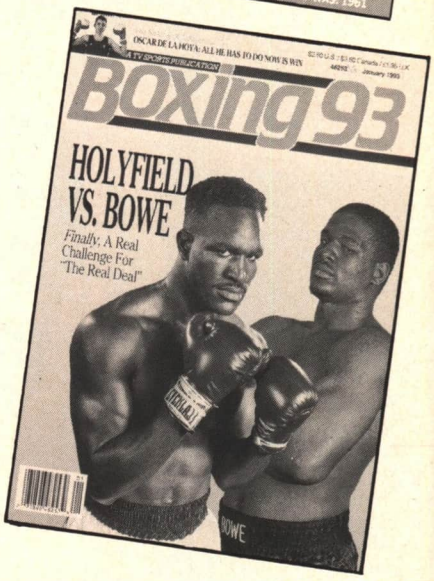

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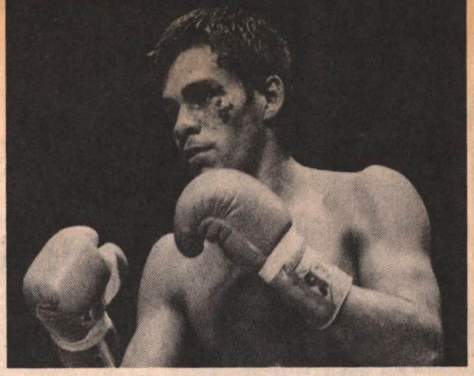

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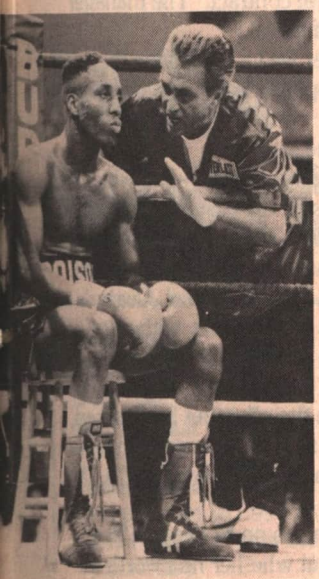

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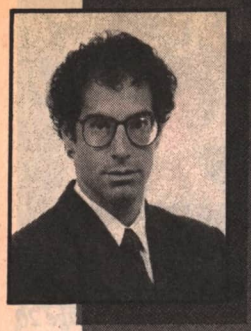

Ringside

I don't begrudge Shelly Finkel, who has become the most powerful manager in boxing. Rather, I'm fond of him; Finkel is shrewd and tenacious, but also amicable and accessible, the latter being a journalist's favorite quality. Nonetheless, when Finkel lost Oscar De La Hoya, the jewel of the Class of '92, to Steve Nelson and Bob Mittleman, I couldn't help but think of it as a victory for the little guys.

The Big Time belongs to the Big Three of promoting, Don King, Bob Arum, and Dan Duva (Finkel's partner), and the Big Two of television (HBO/TVKO and Showtime/SET). Everyone else is a wannabe. In boxing, Nelson and Mittleman have only flirted with success. A consultant in mortgage banking, Nelson co-managed Bonecrusher Smith. Mittleman's moment: helping guide Joe Manley to the IBF junior welterweight title. But Nelson left boxing just before Bonecrusher began to cash in, and Mittleman has been working as a booking agent. We're not exactly talking power players here.

Earlier this year, Nelson and Mittleman heard the gossip: Finkel had De La Hoya all but signed. Considered an outstanding pro prospect long before the Olympics, the Californian's value rose dramatically when he became the only American fighter to win a gold medal in Barcelona. Anxious to reenter the fight game, Nelson was wooing heavyweight Larry Donald when Joel De La Hoya, the fighter's father, approached him at the Olympic Box-Offs. "Aren't you committed to Shelly?" Nelson asked. The answer surprised him.

(Finkel told me that he and the De La Hoyas had "an oral contract." The manager spent about $100,000 on Oscar, and paid for his mother's funeral.)

Nelson didn't attend the Olympics, but immediately after De La Hoya won the gold medal, the family telephoned him. That gave him hope. A couple of days after the De La Hoyas returned from Spain, Nelson flew west.

"I stayed for a month and left with a signed contract," he said.

Nelson and Mittleman may be "little guys," but it still took big bucks—and wide-pocketed investors—to net De La Hoya. According to Nelson, the cost was "a million-dollar package, spread over time." Among the riches: a $500,000 home in Montebello, California, a $60,000 Acura NSX sports car, a $30,000 van (for training purposes), and cash bonuses to Joel De La Hoya and Robert Alcazar, Oscar's trainer. Alcazar's continued involvement will draw criticism; the trainer has worked only with amateurs. Had De La Hoya signed with Finkel, he would have benefited from the tutelage and championship experience of George Benton and Lou Duva.

The De La Hoyas gave Finkel the opportunity to match the offer, but he declined, citing what he believed to be an inflated price tag. Nelson says he'll generate income not only with fights, but also with major endorsements that are "pending," and a TV movie about De La Hoya's life.

As we went to press, De La Hoya was scheduled to turn pro on November 23 at the Great Western Forum. It'll be a while before we find out whether he's worth $1-million. Nelson and Mittleman, however, have already beaten the odds.

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I've been remiss in failing to acknowledge Bernardo V. Peralta, the *Ring* reader who suggested that on our WBA, WBC, and IBF ratings page, we list the world champions first (see page 72). We began to take his advice in our November 1992 issue.

Steve Farhood
Editor-in-Chief

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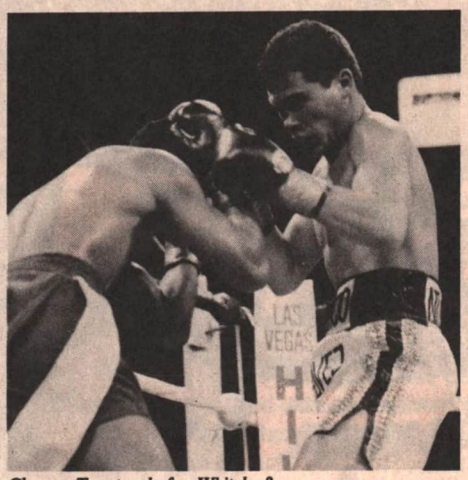

Chavez: Too tough for Whitaker?

HAIL CESAR

First the non-believers said Julio Cesar Chavez wouldn't be able to cope with the speed and lateral movement of Meldrick Taylor. Then they said he'd be troubled by Hector Camacho. What are they going to say now? When and if a fight with Pernell Whitaker takes place, they'll witness an annihilation. The light-punching Whitaker will be driven to the ropes and administered the beating of his life. Southpaws have never been a problem for Julio, and he will prepare no differently for Whitaker than he did for the ex-Macho Man.

FRED GARCIA
Chimayo, NM

A POWER PLAY

Wasn't that a pip, what George Benton said in your August '92 issue about Rubin "Hurricane" Carter not having kayo power in both hands ("Battle Of The Legends")? I laughed and laughed. Carter's left hook not being in the class of Rocky Graziano's? Rocky had the big right hand, but how many one-punch, left hook kayos did he have? Almost all of his knockouts came as the result of his winging his dangerous right.

Also, there has never been a middleweight who was better conditioned than Carter. Training for the bout against Benton, we ran six miles a day on River Road in Chatam, New Jersey, did sets of 100 push-ups, and did 1,000 crunches in sets of 10. Then Carter worked his neck, hit the heavybag and speedbag, and sparred in Philadelphia-style gym wars. He was the best-conditioned middleweight who ever lived.

In a bout vs. Graziano, Carter would have made the punches of Tony Zale seem like kisses from a prom queen.

RON LIPTON
Walden, NY

Editor's Note: Ron Lipton was a sparring partner for Rubin Carter. He currently works as a referee in New York State.

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THE BEST BANTAM?

In recent months, I've read on the pages of *The Ring* stories on Eddie Cook, Joichiro Tatsuyoshi, Junior Jones, Orlando Canizales, and other bantamweights. Virtually ignored has been WBC champion Victor Rabanales, who is the division's best fighter. In September, Rabanales proved his superiority by traveling to Japan and stopping Tatsuyoshi in his backyard.

Fight fans in Southern California are familiar with Rabanales, who has fought several times at the Great Western Forum. In May 1991, he was robbed in his challenge of then-WBC champion Greg Richardson. Rabanales subsequently won the title, and has improved with each outing.

The Mexican is an all-action fighter who consistently gives the fans their money's worth. How about a little coverage on Rabanales, and less on the lesser bantamweights?

CARL CASSETI
Santa Monica, CA

NUNN IS TOO MUCH

With Michael Nunn having won the WBA super middleweight title, I suppose we're going to have to sit through another string of duller-than-dull title fights. For some reason, the TV networks love Nunn, despite the fact that he's always been one of the most boring fighters to watch. Maybe if HBO, Showtime, and ESPN begin to show us exciting fighters, their ratings will go up.

Nunn fought somewhat aggressively in dethroning Victor Cordoba, but he can't punch, and it's been years since he's shown the skill he flaunted against Frank Tate. In this case, Nunn is more than enough.

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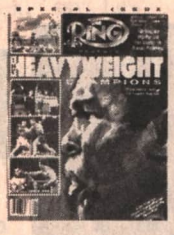

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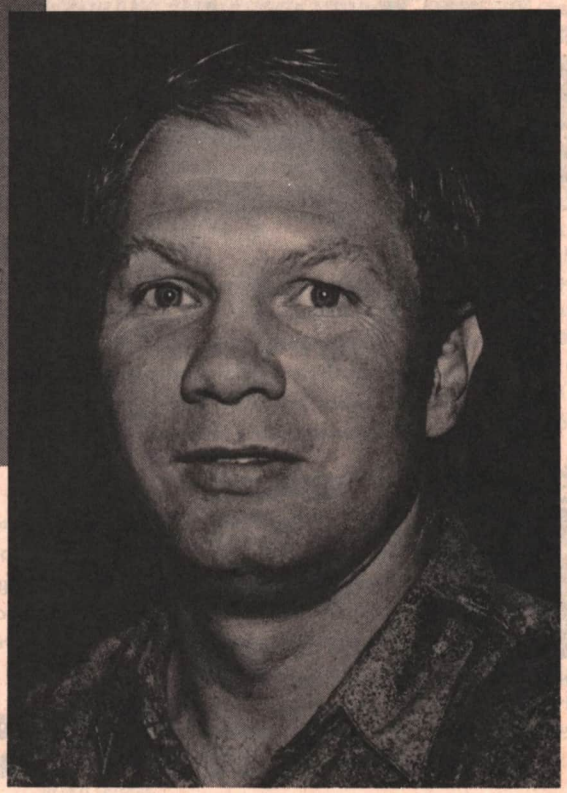


Shields: A Hollywood ending

BULLET-PROOF SHIELDS

In September, former welterweight contender-turned-screenwriter Randy Shields sat in deep thought, placing the final touches on a script he was writing, when his work was interrupted by gunfire. Shields, who once fought Sugar Ray Leonard and Thomas Hearns, was soon fighting for his life.

Two armed men burst their way into the Four N' 20 restaurant in the San Fernando Valley. The former boxer jumped to the floor as the explosive sound of a gunshot echoed through the air. When Shields looked up, he said he saw another bullet flying toward him. The bullet struck him in the back of the leg. Shields managed to dive into a dark back room. When a restaurant employee couldn't get the cash register to open, one of the robbers fired another shot. "He then yelled 'I'm gonna kill someone, someone's gonna die tonight,' " Shields said. "That's when I knew if I didn't do something, one of my friends could be killed."

Shields, a bodyguard who is licensed to carry a gun, grabbed his pistol. "I got up shooting . . . I drove them right out the front door," he recalled. The gunfire continued in the streets as the two robbers sped off in a car driven by a third man. The three suspects were later apprehended by police.

Even an award from the Los Angeles Mayor's office failed to convince Shields that he was a hero. "People do a lot of weird things when their friends are in trouble," he said.

—David Saldarelli

Lewis: Sins in Wisconsin?

OOOH-OOOH, DIANA!

Two years ago, when she brought half-blind and cocaine-wasted Aaron Pryor to Wisconsin after the former junior welterweight champion had been refused a license to box by other states, Madison promoter Diana Lewis triumphantly announced, "I plan on being Wisconsin boxing." Now Wisconsin has recommended that Lewis be barred "from ever participating in boxing" again.

Lewis and matchmaker Stan Johnson of Milwaukee have been charged by the Wisconsin Department of Regulation & Licensing, which oversees boxing in the Badger State, with forging mandatory medical and insurance forms for a card they put on in Madison in November 1990. According to the DRL complaint, they

forged doctors' signatures to the mandatory medical exam reports of three preliminary fighters, as well as to an EEG report for one of the fighters who had been knocked out in his last bout.

Johnson has admitted under oath to forging boxers' medical forms, but Lewis has denied any knowledge of his actions, and alleges that she is the object of a vendetta being pursued by DRL Secretary Marlene Cummings.

Cummings approved the Pryor bout despite objections from other state commissions concerning "The Hawk's" impaired left eye. To deny the former champion the right to box on those grounds, said Cummings in a widely derided opinion, amounted to discrimination against the handicapped.

"Marlene Cummings was pretty devastated by people saying she doesn't know a left hook from a fish hook," says Lewis. "She wants my head on a platter."

A two-day disciplinary hearing on the charges against Lewis concluded in early-October, with prosecutor Gerald Scanlan urging that Lewis never be licensed to promote again. A verdict by Administrative Law Judge Wayne Austin was expected in several weeks.

—Pete Ehrmann

ALI: PHOTOS AND TEXT

Last year, Thomas Hauser completed the definitive biography of Muhammad Ali. Now the author has put pictures to his words. Hauser and photographer Neil Leifer have collaborated on *Muhammad Ali: Memories* (Rizzoli International Publications, $49.50 hardcover, $29.95 paperback), an oversized picturebook of Ali's life and career.

The book contains 175 pictures, all taken by Leifer. The photos are accompanied by quotes from celebrities and Ali himself.

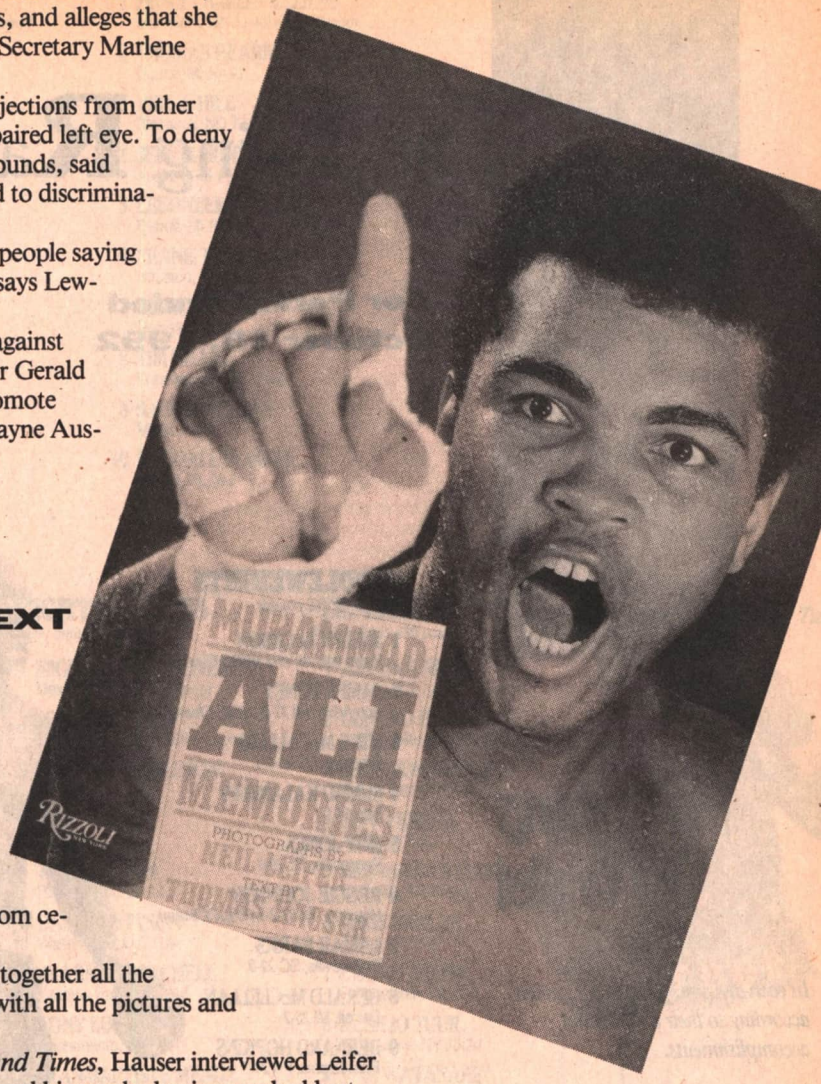
"We tried to tell a story," said Hauser. "I put together all the quotations I wanted to use, and then I sat down with all the pictures and matched up the pictures with the quotations."

While researching *Muhammad Ali, His Life And Times*, Hauser interviewed Leifer and quickly formed a friendship. With Hauser's oral biography having reached best-seller status and Leifer's immense library of Ali photos, a picturebook was inevitable.

"It's a nice package," said Hauser. "We're both very happy."

And so was Ali, who signed Hauser's book: *This is the best photo book ever on me.*

—Robert Cassidy



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OUTSIDE THE ROPES

An update on fighters' records: According to police in Davenport, Iowa, WBA super middleweight champion **Michael Nunn** was arrested during a scuffle involving about 50 people. Nunn was charged with resisting arrest, disorderly conduct, and two counts of simple assault. The incident occurred two weeks after Nunn won the title by outpointing **Victor Cordoba** . . . Former two-time welterweight champion **Marlon Starling** was arrested for the second time on charges of harassing a woman in West Hartford, Connecticut. Starling, 34, was charged with making 12 harassing telephone calls to a woman who told police she had lived with Starling on and off for 13 years . . . According to the police, former junior lightweight and lightweight champion **Hector Camacho** was pulled over by an officer in Lake Placid, Florida, and charged with failure to stay within one lane of traffic on a rural highway and driving with a suspended license. Camacho was also issued citations for possessing two driver's licenses and giving false information to obtain a license . . . In Knoxville, Tennessee, **Big John Tate's** probation officer said the former WBA heavyweight champion should remain in jail because he refuses to follow the rules of his supervised release. Tate, 37, was put on probation after pleading guilty to selling cocaine in May 1991. He has been twice arrested for parole violations since then, and is being held without bond . . . Another former WBA heavyweight champion, **Tony Tubbs**, has been charged with buying cocaine from an undercover police officer in Jacksonville, Florida. ■

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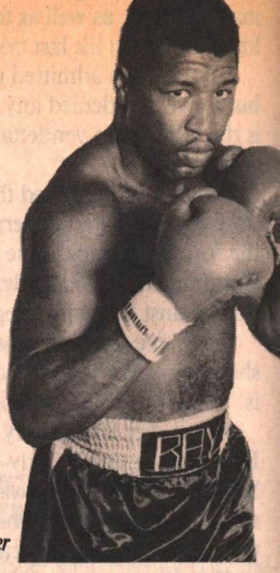

Ray Mercer

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Being champion does not necessarily mean a fighter will be rated at the top of his weight class.

These ratings reflect how the best fighters in the world rate against one another.

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Virgin Islands *45-1 (WBC Champ)*

2 **JAMES TONEY**
Ann Arbor, MI *32-0-2 (IBF Champ)*

3 **MIKE McCALLUM**
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Italy *54-5-1*

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Pensacola, FL *19-0*

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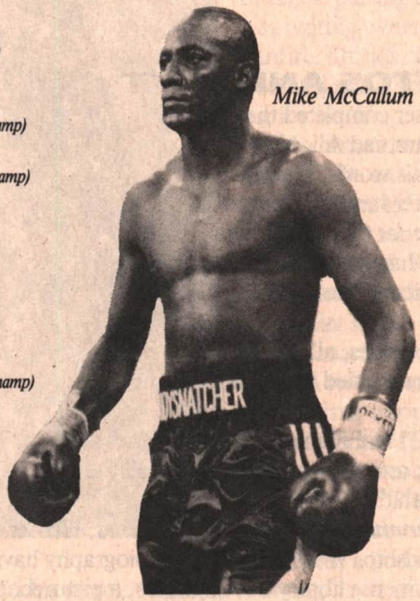
8 **GERALD McCLELLAN**
Detroit, MI *25-2*

9 **BERNARD HOPKINS**
Philadelphia, PA *20-1*

10 **STEVE COLLINS**
Brockton, MA *21-2*



Mike McCallum

JR. MIDDLEWEIGHTS
Weight limit: 154 pounds

1 **TERRY NORRIS**
Mission Valley, CA *32-3 (WBC Champ)*

2 **GIANFRANCO ROSI**
Italy *56-3 (IBF Champ)*

3 **VINNY PAZIENZA**
Cranston, RI *31-5*

4 **JOHN DAVID JACKSON**
Seattle, WA *26-0*

5 **VERNO PHILLIPS**
New York, NY *17-5*

6 **JULIO CESAR VASQUEZ**
Argentina *38-1*

7 **GILBERT DELE**
France *33-2-1*

8 **CARL DANIELS**
St. Louis, MO *27-1*

9 **AARON DAVIS**
Bronx, NY *33-1*

10 **SIMON BROWN**
Germantown, MD *36-2*

FEATHERWEIGHTS
Weight limit: 126 pounds

1 **PAUL HODKINSON**
England *21-1-1 (WBC Champ)*

2 **MANUEL MEDINA**
Mexico *43-3 (IBF Champ)*

3 **YUNG KYUN PARK**
South Korea *22-1-1 (WBA Champ)*

4 **KEVIN KELLEY**
Flushing, NY *31-0*

5 **JESSE JAMES LEIJA**
San Antonio, TX *24-0-1*

6 **TOM JOHNSON**
Detroit, MI *29-2-1*

7 **RUBEN D. PALACIO**
Colombia *45-11-2*

8 **LOUIE ESPINOZA**
Phoenix, AZ *46-5-2*

9 **COLIN McMILLAN**
England *23-2*

10 **EVER BELENO**
Colombia *23-0*

JR. FEATHERWEIGHTS
Weight limit: 122 pounds

1 **WELCOME NCITA**
South Africa *31-0 (IBF Champ)*

2 **TRACY PATTERSON**
Highland, NY *46-2 (WBC Champ)*

3 **JESSE BENAVIDES**
Corpus Christi, TX *35-1-1*

4 **WILFREDO VASQUEZ**
Puerto Rico *34-6-3 (WBA Champ)*

5 **KENNEDY McKINNEY**
Las Vegas, NV *21-0-1*

6 **JESUS SALUD**
San Diego, CA *42-5*

7 **RUDY ZAVALA**
Rosemead, CA *17-1-1*

8 **LUIS MENDOZA**
Colombia *33-3-2*

9 **THIERRY JACOB**
France *38-4*

10 **JULIO GERVACIO**
Puerto Rico *23-3-2*

BANTAMWEIGHTS
Weight limit: 118 pounds

1 **ORLANDO CANIZALES**
Laredo, TX *33-1-1 (IBF Champ)*

2 **ELIECER JULIO**
Colombia *22-0 (WBA Champ)*

3 **VICTOR RABANALES**
Mexico *32-10-2 (WBC Champ)*

4 **JUNIOR JONES**
Brooklyn, NY *25-0*

5 **JOICHIRO TATSUYOSHI**
Japan *7-1-1*

6 **EDDIE COOK**
Las Vegas, NV *18-2*

7 **ISRAEL CONTRERAS**
Venezuela *35-3-1*

8 **JAVIER LEON**
Mexico *37-5-2*

9 **RAFAEL DEL VALLE**
Puerto Rico *13-0*

10 **HAROLD MESTRE**
Colombia *15-2*

HEAVYWEIGHTS
Weight Unlimited

1 **EVANDER HOLYFIELD**
Atlanta, GA *28-0 (World Champ)*

2 **RIDDICK BOWE**
Fort Washington, MD *31-0*

3 **RAZOR RUDDOCK**
Canada *27-3-1*

4 **MICHAEL MOORER**
Detroit, MI *29-0*

5 **TONY TUCKER**
Beverly Hills, CA *46-1*

6 **GEORGE FOREMAN**
Marshall, TX *71-3*

7 **LENNOX LEWIS**
England *21-0*

8 **RAY MERCER**
Newark, NJ *19-1*

9 **TOMMY MORRISON**
Mariam, KS *33-1*

10 **ALEX STEWART**
Safety Harbor, FL *30-4*

CRUISERWEIGHTS
Weight limit: 195 pounds

1 **BOBBY CZYZ**
Montgomery, NJ *40-5 (WBA Champ)*

2 **ALFRED COLE**
Newark, NJ *21-1 (IBF Champ)*

3 **ANACLET WAMBA**
France *36-2 (WBC Champ)*

4 **ORLIN NORRIS**
Campo, CA *33-3*

5 **JEFF LAMPKIN**
Youngstown, OH *37-13-1*

6 **JAMES WARRING**
Miami, FL *14-2*

7 **NATE MILLER**
Philadelphia, PA *21-3*

8 **AKIM TAFER**
France *14-3*

9 **ARTHUR WILLIAMS**
Las Vegas, NV *17-1-1*

10 **ROBERT DANIELS**
Miami, FL *21-2-1*

LIGHT HEAVYWEIGHTS
Weight limit: 175 pounds

1 **PRINCE CHARLES WILLIAMS**
Mansfield, OH *33-4-2 (IBF Champ)*

2 **THOMAS HEARNS**
Detroit, MI *50-4-1*

3 **VIRGIL HILL**
Bismarck, ND *33-1 (WBA Champ)*

4 **JEFF HARDING**
Australia *22-1 (WBC Champ)*

5 **LEEONZER BARBER**
Detroit, MI *16-1*

6 **FRANK TATE**
Houston, TX *31-3*

7 **HENRY MASKE**
Germany *18-0*

8 **TIM HILLIE**
Washington, D.C. *15-0*

9 **SAUL MONTANA**
Mexico *17-2*

10 **RANDALL YONKER**
Mobile, AL *28-2*

SUPER MIDDLEWEIGHTS
Weight Limit: 168 pounds

1 **MICHAEL NUNN**
Davenport, IA *38-1 (WBA Champ)*

2 **IRAN BARKLEY**
Bronx, NY *29-7 (IBF Champ)*

3 **CHRIS EUBANK**
England *33-0*

4 **VICTOR CORDOBA**
N. Ireland *18-4-2*

5 **NIGEL BENN**
England *33-2 (WBC Champ)*

6 **TIM LITTLES**
Flint, MI *19-0*

7 **DARRIN VAN HORN**
Lexington, KY *50-3*

8 **TONY THORNTON**
Glassboro, NJ *29-5-1*

9 **MERQUI SOSA**
New York, NY *20-2-1*

10 **FRANK NICOTRA**
France *29-0*

WELTERWEIGHTS
Weight limit: 147 pounds

1 **BUDDY McGIRT**
Hauppauge, NY *57-2-1 (WBC Champ)*

2 **MELDRICK TAYLOR**
Cheltenham, PA *29-2-1 (WBA Champ)*

3 **MAURICE BLOCKER**
Germantown, MD *34-2 (IBF Champ)*

4 **GENARO LEON**
Mexico *41-2-2*

5 **YORI BOY CAMPAS**
Mexico *42-0*

6 **MANNING GALLOWAY**
Colombus, OH *48-11-1*

7 **CRISANTO ESPANA**
N. Ireland *27-0*

8 **GLENWOOD BROWN**
Plainfield, NJ *36-4*

9 **LUDOVIC PROTO**
France *25-0*

10 **ANTHONY JONES**
Detroit, MI *31-3-1*

JR. WELTERWEIGHTS
Weight limit: 140 pounds

1 **JULIO CESAR CHAVEZ**
Mexico *82-0 (WBC Champ)*

2 **PERNELL WHITAKER**
Norfolk, VA *30-1 (IBF Champ)*

3 **TERRENCE ALLI**
Linden, NJ *51-7-2*

4 **CHARLES MURRAY**
Newark, NJ *26-1*

5 **MORRIS EAST**
Philippines *15-2 (WBA Champ)*

6 **RAFAEL PINEDA**
Colombia *28-2*

7 **GREG HAUGEN**
Henderson, NV *31-4-1*

8 **CARLOS GONZALEZ**
Mexico *33-0*

9 **HECTOR LOPEZ**
Tarzana, CA *24-1*

10 **VINCENT PHILLIPS**
Las Vegas, NV *26-0*

LIGHTWEIGHTS
Weight limit: 135 pounds

1 **MIGUEL ANGEL GONZALEZ**
Mexico *25-0 (WBC Champ)*

2 **JOEY GAMACHE**
Lewiston, ME *28-0 (WBA Champ)*

3 **FREDDIE PENDLETON**
Miami, FL *32-17-4*

4 **JORGE PAEZ**
Mexico *43-4-4*

5 **TRACY SPANN**
Plainfield, NJ *27-1-1*

6 **DARRYLL TYSON**
Washington, D.C. *39-4*

7 **SHARMBA MITCHELL**
Takoma Park, MD *28-0*

8 **TONY LOPEZ**
Sacramento, CA *40-3-1*

9 **JEAN-BAPTISTE MENDY**
France *41-4-2*

10 **FRANKIE MITCHELL**
Philadelphia, PA *29-2*

JR. LIGHTWEIGHTS
Weight limit: 130 pounds

1 **AZUMAH NELSON**
Ghana *34-2-1 (WBC Champ)*

2 **GENARO HERNANDEZ**
Los Angeles, CA *26-0 (WBA Champ)*

3 **JOHN-JOHN MOLINA**
Puerto Rico *27-3 (IBF Champ)*

4 **JEFF FENECH**
Australia *26-1-1*

5 **BERNARD TAYLOR**
Knoxville, TN *44-2-2*

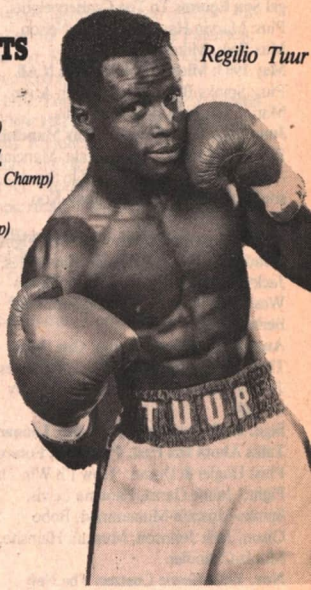
6 **GABE RUELAS**
Arleta, CA *33-1*

7 **CALVIN GROVE**
Philadelphia, PA *41-4*

8 **REGILIO TUUR**
Whitestone, NY *30-2-1*

9 **YUJI WATANABE**
Japan *10-0*

10 **RENATO CORNETT**
Australia *21-1-1*



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JR. BANTAMWEIGHTS
Weight limit: 115 pounds

1 **SUNG KIL MOON**
South Korea *17-1 (WBC Champ)*

2 **ROBERT QUIROGA**
San Antonio, TX *20-0 (IBF Champ)*

3 **KATSUYA ONIZUKA**
Japan *19-0 (WBA Champ)*

4 **THALERNGSAK SITHBAOBAY**
Thailand *38-3*

5 **ARMANDO CASTRO**
Mexico *47-8-1*

6 **GREG RICHARDSON**
Youngstown, OH *29-4*

7 **VINCENZO BELCASTRO**
Italy *22-5-3*

8 **JOHNNY BREDAHL**
Denmark *15-0*

9 **GERRY PENALOSA**
Philippines *20-0-1*

10 **NANA KONADU**
Ghana *25-2-1*

FLYWEIGHTS
Weight limit: 112 pounds

1 **YURI ARBACHAKOV**
Japan *13-0 (WBC Champ)*

2 **RODOLFO BLANCO**
Colombia *26-6-1 (IBF Champ)*

3 **AQUILES GUZMAN**
Venezuela *11-5-2 (WBA Champ)*

4 **DAVE McAULEY**
Ireland *18-3-2*

5 **SCOTTY OLSON**
Las Vegas, NV *23-0*

6 **YONG KANG KIM**
South Korea *25-4*

7 **MUANGCHAI KITTIKASEM**
Thailand *18-2*

8 **YUN UN CHIN**
South Korea *27-0*

9 **YSAIAS ZAMUDIO**
Blythe, CA *30-3-1*

10 **AL KOTEY**
Philadelphia, PA *16-0*

Humberto Gonzalez

JUNIOR FLYWEIGHTS
Weight limit: 108 pounds

1 **HIROKI IOKA**
Japan *21-2-1 (WBA Champ)*

2 **MICHAEL CARBAJAL**
Phoenix, AZ *25-0 (IBF Champ)*

3 **HUMBERTO GONZALEZ**
Mexico *34-1 (WBC Champ)*

4 **MYUNG WOO YUH**
South Korea *36-1*

5 **MELCHOR COB CASTRO**
Mexico *34-3-3*

6 **LEON SALAZAR**
Panama *15-3-1*

7 **JOSE DeJESUS**
Puerto Rico *26-2-1*

8 **ROBINSON CUESTA**
Panama *22-0*

9 **KWANG SUN KIM**
South Korea *5-1*

10 **DOMINGO SOSA**
Dominican Republic *17-1*

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1 **JULIO CESAR CHAVEZ**
Junior Welterweight

2 **PERNELL WHITAKER**
Junior Welterweight

3 **TERRY NORRIS**
Junior Middleweight

4 **EVANDER HOLYFIELD**
Heavyweight

5 **ORLANDO CANIZALES**
Bantamweight

6 **BUDDY McGIRT**
Welterweight

7 **AZUMAH NELSON**
Junior Lightweight

8 **JULIAN JACKSON**
Middleweight

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Junior Bantamweight

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Middleweight

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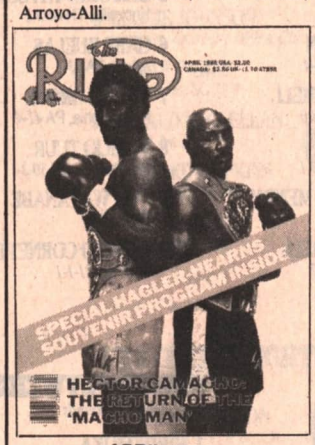

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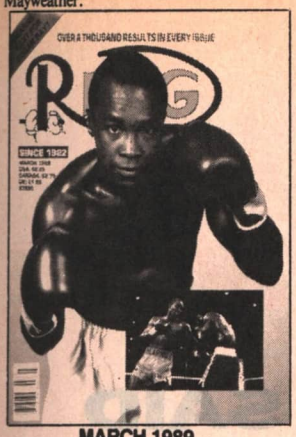

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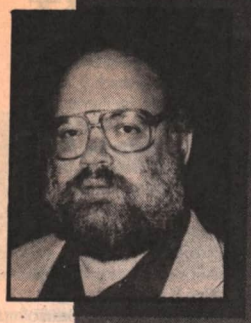


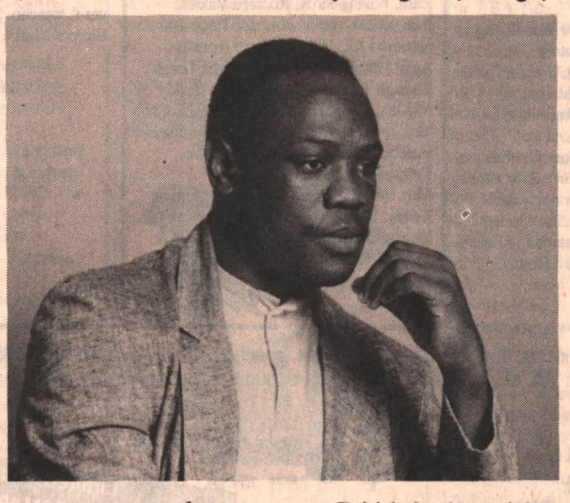
Katz Scan

By Michael Katz

WHEN SIMON SAID "I'M HURT"

By the time I finish this paragraph, hopefully whatever is grabbing my heart and squeezing it for diabolic exercise will let go. And maybe the pain that is using my right arm as a railroad track will reach its station. If not, deadlines compel that I keep going. I must play hurt.

In fact, most people weather a little pain without calling in sick. It's no big deal. Nor is there a big fuss made when a worker does call in sick, provided this is not a regular occurrence. Try telling that, though, to Simon Brown.



When Simon Brown's title fight against Terry Norris was cancelled because of the challenger's dizziness, there was a wide range of reaction.

The former welterweight champion begs off one fight and suddenly he is a pariah, at least according to the brave souls at HBO. Brown tells a doctor he feels dizzy a few hours before he is to meet Terry Norris in Las Vegas on September 26 and is scratched from the fight with a suspected—later confirmed—inner ear infection. HBO officials say they can't trust Brown anymore, can't use him in future fights, though this is the first time he has called in sick.

"They just care about themselves," said Brown, rematched with Norris by promoter Don King for HBO rival Showtime's pay-per-view branch. "They didn't care if I had my arms cut off."

Boxers are supposed to be impervious to pain. It's an occupational hazard. Frankie Taylor, once a top British featherweight and now one of England's best boxing reporters, tells the story of how he hurt his hand a few days before a big fight and wanted to postpone. He said promoter Mickey Duff argued, "Look, if you hurt your hand in the first round, you wouldn't quit, would you? Just make believe you are starting with the second round." Duff, though, adds the punchline: Taylor, talked into fighting with the wounded mitt, won the bout.

Boxing is full of heroic efforts. The show must go on. This isn't Broadway, where there are understudies. Larry Holmes won the heavyweight title with a torn bicep in his left arm in one of the great fights of all-time, his 15-round march through pain against Ken Norton.

Sometimes, in fact, injuries are concealed purposely so as not to give the enemy aid and comfort. Holmes wasn't about to announce to the Norton camp that he couldn't throw his jab—the same way 100 years later he wasn't going to tell Ray Mercer that there was something wrong with his sight, so please come closer.

More often, though, fighters ignore injury because it's the nature of the beast who believes "I can beat that bum with one hand." Football coaches expect no less from their players. Anything short of two broken legs is regarded as goldbricking.

There are pressures to go on beyond such macho machinations. TV dates, for example. You don't fight today, who knows when the network will have another date for you. Or the promoter. Ask Vinny Pazienza, who was throwing up in his locker room before *beating* Greg Haugen the first time, the result of trying to lose 12 pounds in less than a week. But also ask the late Davey Moore, who a couple of days after the extraction of an abscessed tooth, lost the WBA junior middleweight title to Roberto Duran. Moore was basically told to fight or else.

They didn't have to tell Buddy McGirt, Simon Brown's eventual conqueror. McGirt once had an inner ear infection, too. He thought he had recovered, but today says he wishes he had done like Brown and pulled out of his fight with Meldrick Taylor, which resulted in the loss of McGirt's junior welterweight title. "That was my fault," says McGirt.

Fighters seldom go into the ring feeling 100 percent. Accountants and auto assembly line workers probably don't, either. But a boxer's body is his major tool, and there has to be a line, known only by the fighter, where it would be dangerous to punch a time clock, especially when the time clock can punch back. Postponements and cancellations are common—just ask any matchmaker who has tried to put together an undercard. Even ESPN or USA Network main events have to scrounge up last-minute substitutions on occasion. Surprisingly, there haven't been many problems with shows at the level of Norris-Brown, at least not on fight day.

Simon Brown is a hypochondriac. So says his former promoter, Don Elbaum. It's one thing to have an "anxiety attack" before meeting Norris, as Norris' manager, Joe Sayatovich, believed. It's another thing to feel dizzy before meeting Bobby Joe Young, "who wasn't even Bobby Joe Young anymore," said Elbaum.

In 1978, Larry Holmes took the WBC heavyweight title from Ken Norton despite fighting with a torn bicep in his left arm. Boxers are often expected to ignore pain.

Elbaum said Brown would complain about a myriad of injuries before a fight. For years he battled to make the 147-pound welterweight limit. He was hospitalized for five days with dehydration after losing to McGirt, a blunt reminder of his own mortality. He had his heart checked out later and there was a murmur, though apparently nothing serious enough to make him hang up his gloves. And no matter what was wrong, real or imagined, when the first bell rang, Brown was there.

But in Las Vegas he had gone to see Dr. Elias Ghanem. He said it was a shoulder pain, "then it was my lower back, and then it traveled to my chest." Ghanem checked out Brown and found nothing wrong.

The morning of the fight, though, Brown woke up "dizzy." Ghanem, not at his clinic, told him to report to Valley Hospital. There, the doctors said, "No fight." Brown said he expected "they would give me a pill or a shot." Had he known there was a danger of cancellation, he would never have gone to the hospital.

That's wrong. You don't want to be dizzy facing Norris, a prospect compared by Sayatovich to riding bulls in the rodeo, "and all good cowboys know bull riders are short on brains." If Brown was seriously ill, he shouldn't have fought, despite the ill humor of HBO. (Or did the pay-cable network plan Billy Crystal, Robin Williams, and Whoopi Goldberg doing "Boxer's Relief"?)

The sticky point here was Ghanem, who at the time was a member of the Nevada State Athletic Commission and is now its chairman. Ghanem never informed other commission members, or Caesars or HBO or the promoters, that there might have been something wrong with Brown. (At least he subsequently promised never to put himself in a position of conflict of interest, saying he would never again be personal physician to a fighter.)

I don't need pain to remind me of my mortality. I feel inadequate in recommending any remedies to the Simon Brown situation. Al Certo, McGirt's manager, said, "All HBO had to do was put Buddy on the card, and he could have fought Norris." That kind of standby is expensive, though. My gut feeling is that there is no need for any solutions, that this kind of last-minute cancellation just doesn't happen that often.

"I know boxing's about pain," said Brown. "Without pain, you've got to get out of this game."

Sometimes, the game must be called on account of pain. ■

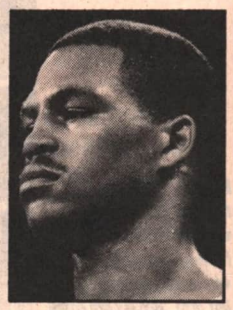
New Faces

Compiled By Steve Farhood & Ed Maloney

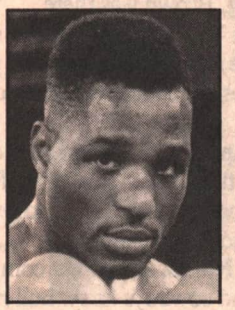
A LOOK BACK

It's time for our annual inspection of *The Ring's* "New Faces." As usual, it's been a mixed lot, with a couple of fast learners (Carlos Gonzalez, Bernard Hopkins), a couple of disappointments (Rudy Zavala and Skipper Kelp), and a question mark or two (Herbie Hide and Egerton Marcus). The rundown:

Rudy Zavala, junior featherweight (March 1992 issue): Few of *The Ring's* "New Faces" rose as quickly as this hard-punching 122-pounder. In June, he gained invaluable exposure by halting former world champion Pedro Decima on the Holyfield-Holmes undercard. The victory moved him to the top spot in the WBC ratings. Only one month later, however, he was stopped by another former world champion, Jesus Salud. It wasn't the type of loss that should slow his progress. Record: 17-1-1 (14).

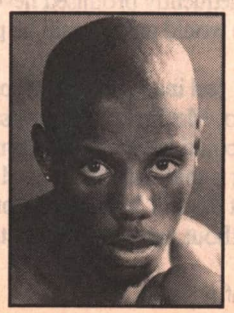


Gerald McClellan, middleweight (April 1992 issue): Kronk kingpin Emanuel Steward is having difficulty getting quality opponents for his latest powerpunching wonder. McClellan has scored two first-round kayos this year, but hasn't fought since a May victory over Carl Sullivan. He was scheduled to face Percy Harris on the fall championship card in China that was cancelled. Steward says that McClellan is ready for a world title shot and will accept offers from any champion at 160 or 168 pounds. Record: 25-2 (23).

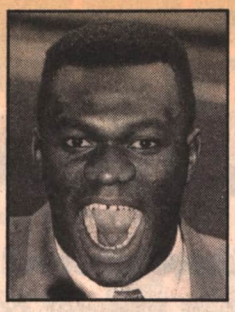


Bernard Hopkins, middleweight (May 1992 issue): The native of North Philadelphia has won all six of his fights this year (four by kayo), and has moved into the top-10 of all three sanctioning bodies. He is the IBF mandatory contender, and his management is trying to force a title shot with champion James Toney. If Toney moves up to 168 pounds, they'd like to have Hopkins fight for the vacant crown by May. Record: 20-1 (15).

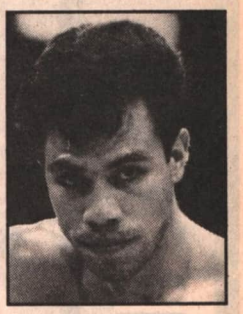
Al Kotey, flyweight (June 1992 issue): Promoter Russell Peltz has been frustrated by his inability to secure a world title shot. "And Kotey hasn't even looked good in his last couple of fights," he said. As a result, the 112-pound powerpuncher will at least temporarily have to settle for less. As we went to press, he was considering a defense of the Commonwealth title in India, of all places. Record: 16-0 (12).



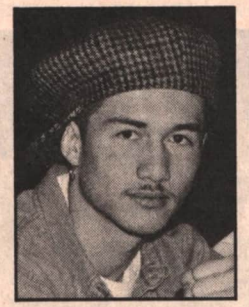
David Sample, lightweight (July 1992 issue): Since defeating Fidel Avendano in February, Sample has slowed his progress. According to Great Western Forum matchmaker Tony Curtis, the master boxer will be seeking a world title shot in 1993. In the meantime, look for a match vs. WBC Continental-Americas champion Rodolfo Gomez. Record: 19-0 (7).



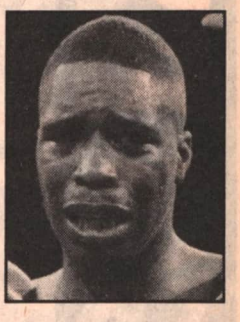
Herbie Hide, heavyweight (August 1992 issue): In September, the British prospect advanced to 17-0 by stopping former European champion Jean Chanet in the seventh round. Hide didn't lose a round, but the *Boxing News* nonetheless gave him luke-warm reviews. "I got bored," Hide said. "It was like punching a bag." As we went to press, Hide, the WBC's International champion, was scheduled to defend against Australian southpaw Craig Petersen.



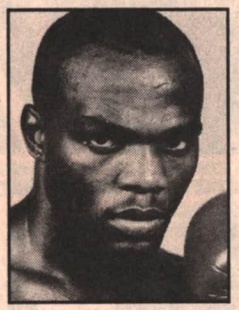
Carlos Gonzalez, junior welterweight (September 1992 issue): "Bolillo" is hot; in June, he destroyed comebacking former lightweight champion Jimmy Paul in two rounds. As we went to press, the Mexican was scheduled to fight Lorenzo Smith. After that might come an all-Mexican shootout vs. Fidel Avendano, who surprised Roger Mayweather in September. Record: 32-0 (30).



Skipper Kelp, welterweight (October 1992 issue): Ouch! In September, Kelp suffered a devastating loss, dropping a one-sided 10-round decision to David Gonzalez in Phoenix. Gonzalez had lost his previous fight to Anthony Stephens, but nonetheless represented a huge jump in class. It was apparently too big a jump; Kelp was battered in every round. Afterward, he didn't seem discouraged. But his defensive deficiencies are glaring. Record: 13-1-1 (12).



Tim Hillie, light heavyweight (November 1992 issue): Hillie hasn't fought since June, when he won the USBA title by outpointing Booker Word. Rated first by the IBF, he's planning to remain active against safe opposition until securing a mandatory try vs. champion Prince Charles Williams. Record: 15-0 (6) with 1 no-contest.



Egerton Marcus, light heavyweight (December 1992 issue): How fast does Main Events want to move their powerful but oft-injured prospect? Marcus, who has broken his right hand three times, has had only eight fights and has never fought past six rounds. Nonetheless, on the ill-fated Terry Norris-Simon Brown card in September, he was scheduled to fight Art Baylis for the vacant NABF title. The bout will likely be rescheduled.

"Boom! Move him fast," said Kathy Duva, a publicist for Main Events. "The sooner we get him to where he has to fight only twice a year, the better." Record: 8-0 (6).

Frank Pena, junior lightweight (January 1992 issue): According to Top Rank matchmaker Bruce Trampler, Pena, who shocked veteran Rowdy Welch by first-round kayo in August, will move from eight- to 10-rounders at the beginning of 1993. A bout with a top-10 contender would seem at least a few months away. Record: 13-0-1 (7). ■

THE RING'S EXCLUSIVE PHOTO QUIZ Test

Can you identify the fighters in these photos? Award yourself 10 points for each question you answer correctly. If you score a total of 90-100 points, consider yourself a world champion. If you score 70-80 points, you rate as a top-10 contender. If you score 50-60 points, you're a clubfighter at best. Less than 50 points? Eat another piece of cheesecake and forget about that morning roadwork.

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Is heavyweight champion Rocky Marciano revealing the round in which he intends to score a kayo? Nah, that wasn't The Rock's style. His opponent, however, did fall, lasting nine rounds.

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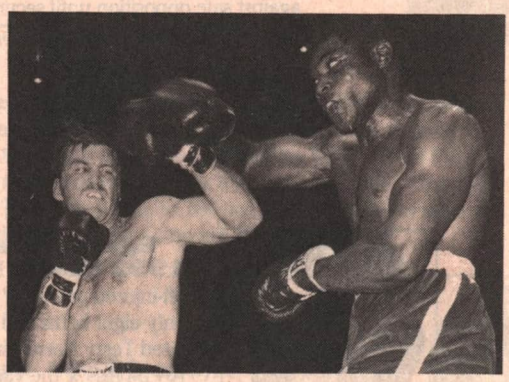

In June 1970, Jerry Quarry was an underdog against a heavyweight with a record of 24-0. He relished the role, and scored an upset sixth-round kayo.

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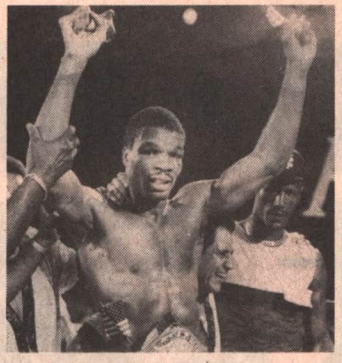
This publicity photo—one fighter is examined, while the other feigns surprise that his opponent has a heart—has become almost as obligatory as the standard weigh-in shot. On the right is WBC light heavyweight champion Matthew Saad Muhammad. Name the challenger.

Your Boxing IQ

4 This red-white-and-blue world champion proved competitive with any cruiserweight in the world. It was against heavyweights (Pinklon Thomas, Mike Tyson, Gary Mason) that he invariably crumbled.



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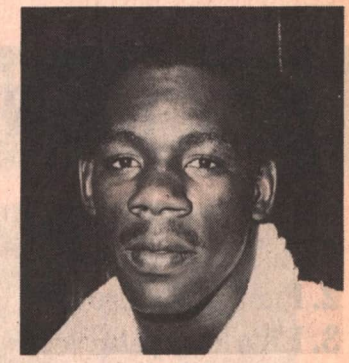
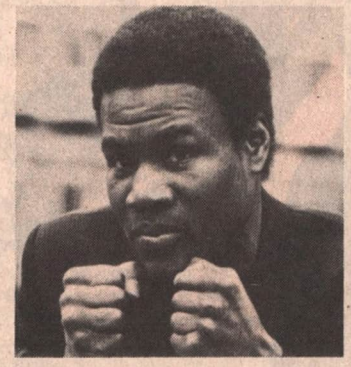


6 This Rock of a light heavyweight and cruiserweight has enjoyed two careers, one on each side of the Atlantic. This photo was taken while he was still fighting out of London.



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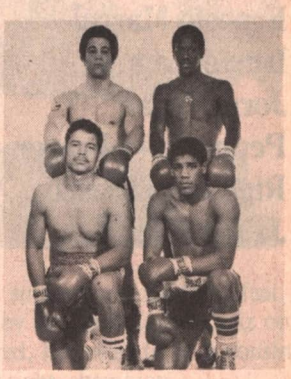
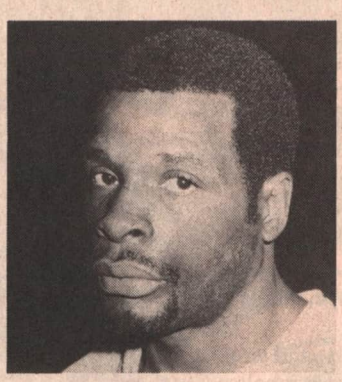
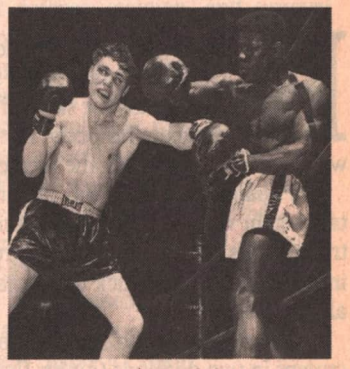


8 Sugar Ray Leonard's last fight as a welterweight was a world title bout vs. this fringe contender, who lasted only three rounds. He was also kayoed by Thomas Hearns and Donald Curry.



9 Backed to the ropes during this 1960 welterweight bout is Emile Griffith. His opponent went on to become the first universally recognized junior middleweight champion. In three bouts vs. Griffith, he won once.



10 This popular Connecticut middleweight became a boxing commissioner and a TV analyst. Among his opponents: Tony DeMarco, Gene Fullmer, and Joey Giardello.

ANSWERS:

1) Don Cockell; 2) Mac Foster;
3) Murray Sutherland;
4) Alfonzo Ratliff; 5) Cyclone Hart;
6) Dennis Andries;
7) Bobby Czyz, Johnny Bumphus, Alex Ramos,
& Tony Ayala Jr.;
8) Bruce Finch; 9) Denny Moyer;
10) Chico Vejar

The Best Of

THIS MONTH: PANAMA

1. Roberto Duran
2. Panama Al Brown
3. Hilario Zapata
4. Eusebio Pedroza
5. Ernesto Marcel
6. Ismael Laguna
7. Jorge Lujan
8. Peppermint Frazer
9. Rigoberto Riasco
10. Jaime Rios

Panama Al Brown

Roberto Duran

By James Dusgate

Roberto Duran is a national monument rivaled only by the Panama Canal. A much better scientific/technical boxer than given credit for, he has the skeletal structure of a lightweight, and did a lot to dissipate his body. But he won world titles all the way up to middleweight. He was certainly the greatest small fighter of his time.

● **Panama Al Brown** was the first Latin American world champion, a bantamweight who could box and punch, and, at 5'11", a human freak. He had a tremendous sense of ring space, great footwork, and an artistic jab. When sensing an opening, he struck like a snake. He faced all the best in Europe, and was always ready to fight.

● **Hilario Zapata** belongs here because he had 23 world title fights, and won crowns in two divisions (junior flyweight and flyweight). He was exceptionally clever and used all the tricks. His best weapon was his jab; he was able to hang in with tough guys and ultimately outpoint them.

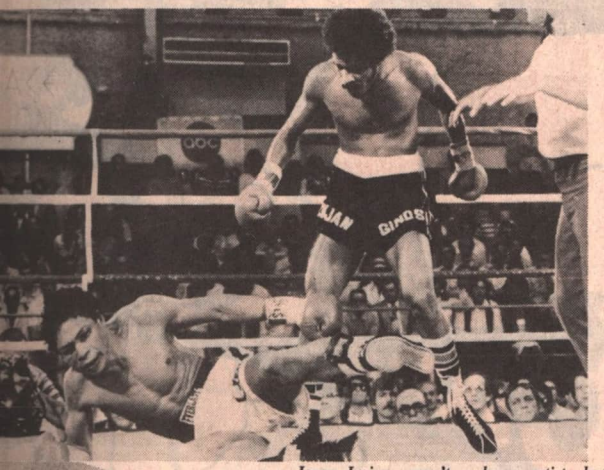
● **Eusebio Pedroza** was one of the truly great masters of the ring; he could box at long range or on the inside. An intelligent and at times ferocious champion, he made a record 19 successful defenses of the featherweight title. He possessed exceptional stamina, and was extremely difficult to hit cleanly.

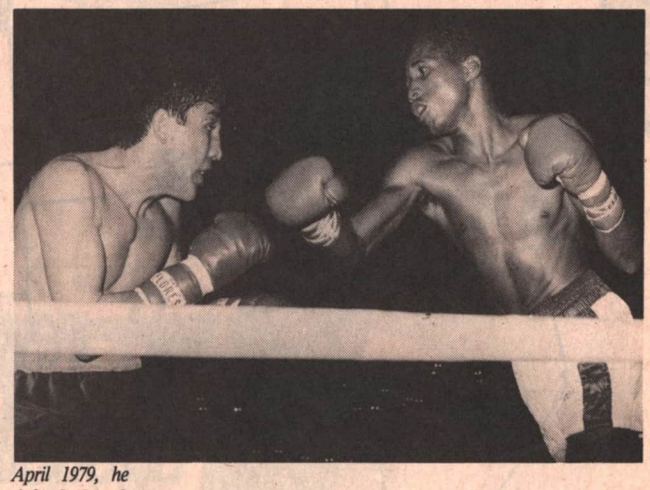
● **Ernesto Marcel** had one of the great left hands of his era. If he failed to rise to great heights, it was only because he lacked the drive of lesser men. The only Panamanian to retire as a champion (at featherweight), he was a hard worker, a dedicated professional, and a well-rounded technician. His greatest triumph: a 15-round title fight victory over future world champion Alexis Arguello in 1974. It was the last fight of his career.

● **Ismael Laguna** was Panama's second world champion, and the first to regain a crown. He wasn't strong, and lacked a good punch, but dazzled opponents with speed and fancy footwork. His ability to absorb punishment was

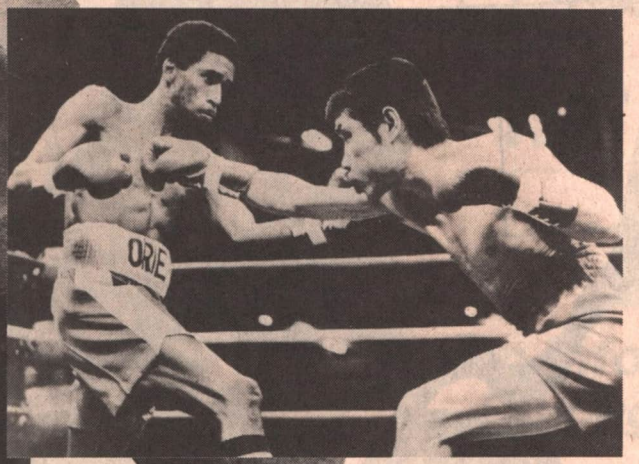
A Nation

Who was the best British fighter of all-time? The best Mexican? The best Japanese? The debate will rage forever. In an attempt to fuel the fire, or at least offer some perspective, *The Ring* has asked several of its correspondents to compile their personal top-10 lists.





Jorge Lujan wasn't a kayo artist, but in April 1979, he stopped Cleo Garcia in the 15th round (above left). In March 1970, Ismael Laguna won the lightweight title for the second time by stopping California's Mando Ramos (above right).



Slick southpaw Hilario Zapata won the WBC light flyweight title in only his 12th pro bout, outpointing Japan's Shigeo Nakajima in March 1980.

amazing. He never suffered a stoppage defeat. He first won the title by catching Carlos Ortiz on an off-night. He proved, however, to be a consistent and worthy lightweight champion.

● **Jorge Lujan** was a good all-around fighter who had excellent defense, stamina, and survival instincts. He was particularly intelligent in the ring. Scored a major upset when he won the bantamweight title by defeating powerpuncher Alfonso Zamora. His biggest problems were a failure to train properly, and a weakness for women.

● **Peppermint Frazer** was the first Panamanian fighter to compete in the Olympics (in 1964). The junior welterweight was a different kind of stylist, at least by Panama's standards. Always busy, he managed to take his opponent's fight away. He was an excellent puncher, but somewhat fragile. And he never really liked to fight.

● **Rigoberto Riasco** became the first junior featherweight champion in history (in 1976). He was a good scientific boxer with developed skills. A natural featherweight, he dropped down to 122 pounds, and suffered in making weight.

● **Jaime Rios** was the second junior flyweight champion in history. (Incredibly, at the age of 39, and after a 14-year absence, he is training for a comeback.) Nicknamed "El Cieguito Maravilloso" (the blind marvel), he has very poor eyesight. It was never known how he saw his opponents, much less hit them. Not much of a puncher, but very tough.

James Dusgate is a Ring correspondent based in Costa Rica. ■

COMISKEY PARK
35th Street and Shields Avenue
JIM BRADDOCK
vs. JOE LOUIS
15 ROUNDS
Tues., June 22, 1937
8:15 p.m.
Grand Stand Res. $16.50
PROMOTER
JIM
BRADDOCK
JOE
LOUIS
CHICAGO

Two of boxing's most celebrated champions won their titles in Chicago. In June 1937, Joe Louis kayoed heavyweight king Jim Braddock (far left). Ten years later, Rocky Graziano took Tony Zale's middleweight crown (left).

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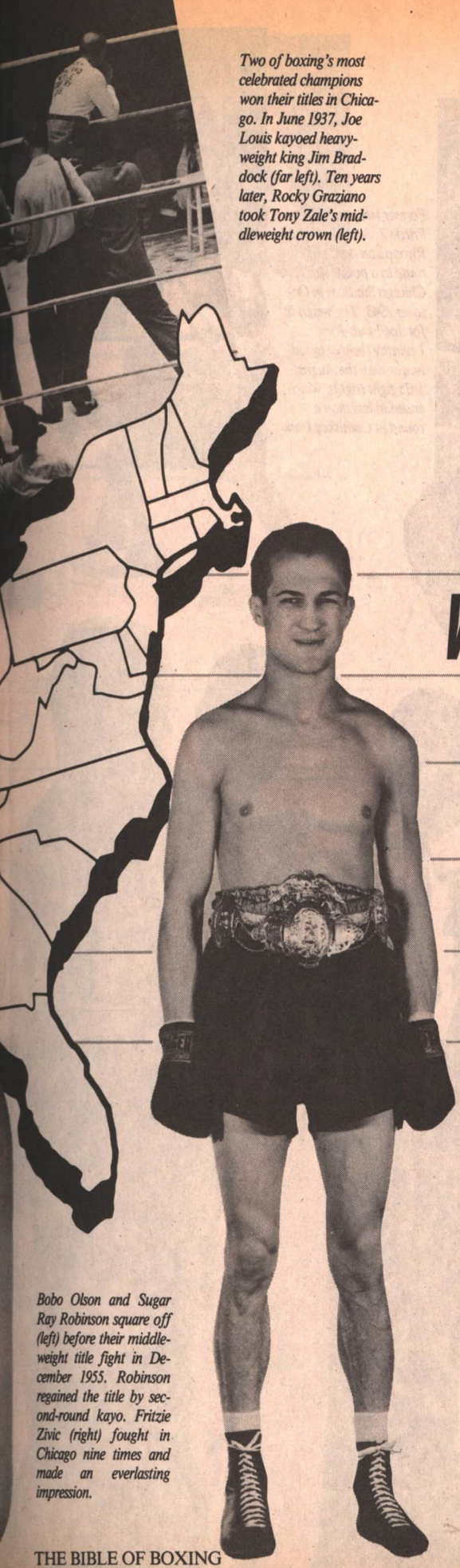
Ask a veteran fight fan what he thinks of today's crop of tigers, and chances are he'll sob quietly as he recalls days past. That was when Chicago was one of the world's leading boxing centers. Champions and contenders, fighters on the way up and on

By Paul Martin

When The "Second City" Was 1st In Boxing

An Informal History Of Chicago's Ring Wars

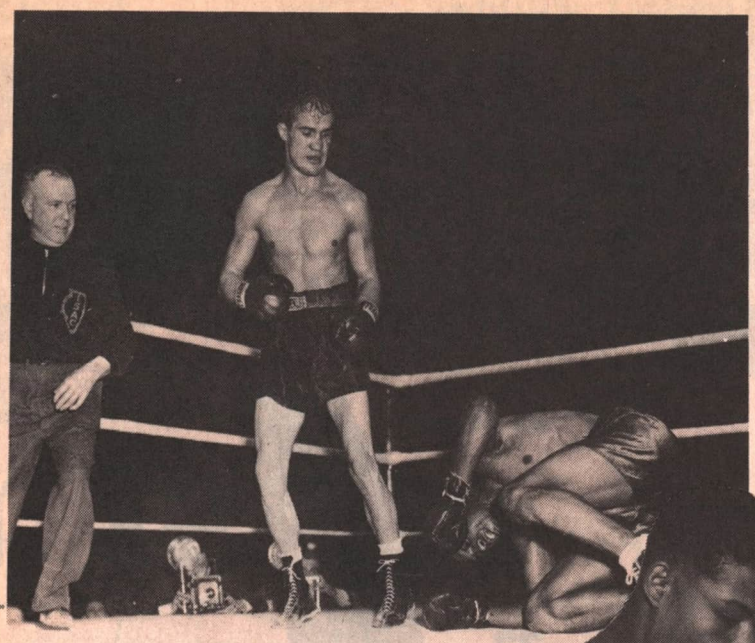


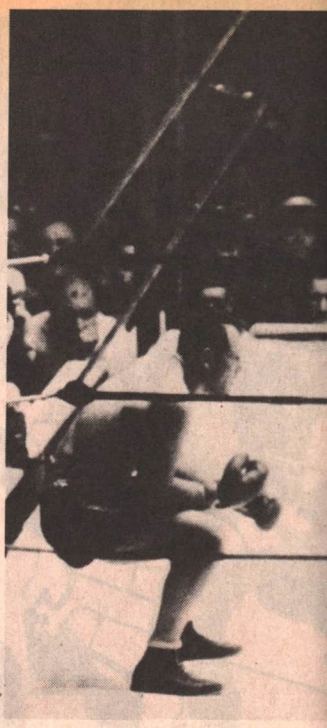
Bobo Olson and Sugar Ray Robinson square off (left) before their middleweight title fight in December 1955. Robinson regained the title by second-round kayo. Fritzie Zivic (right) fought in Chicago nine times and made an everlasting impression.

the way down, kept busy in the city's various sports arenas.

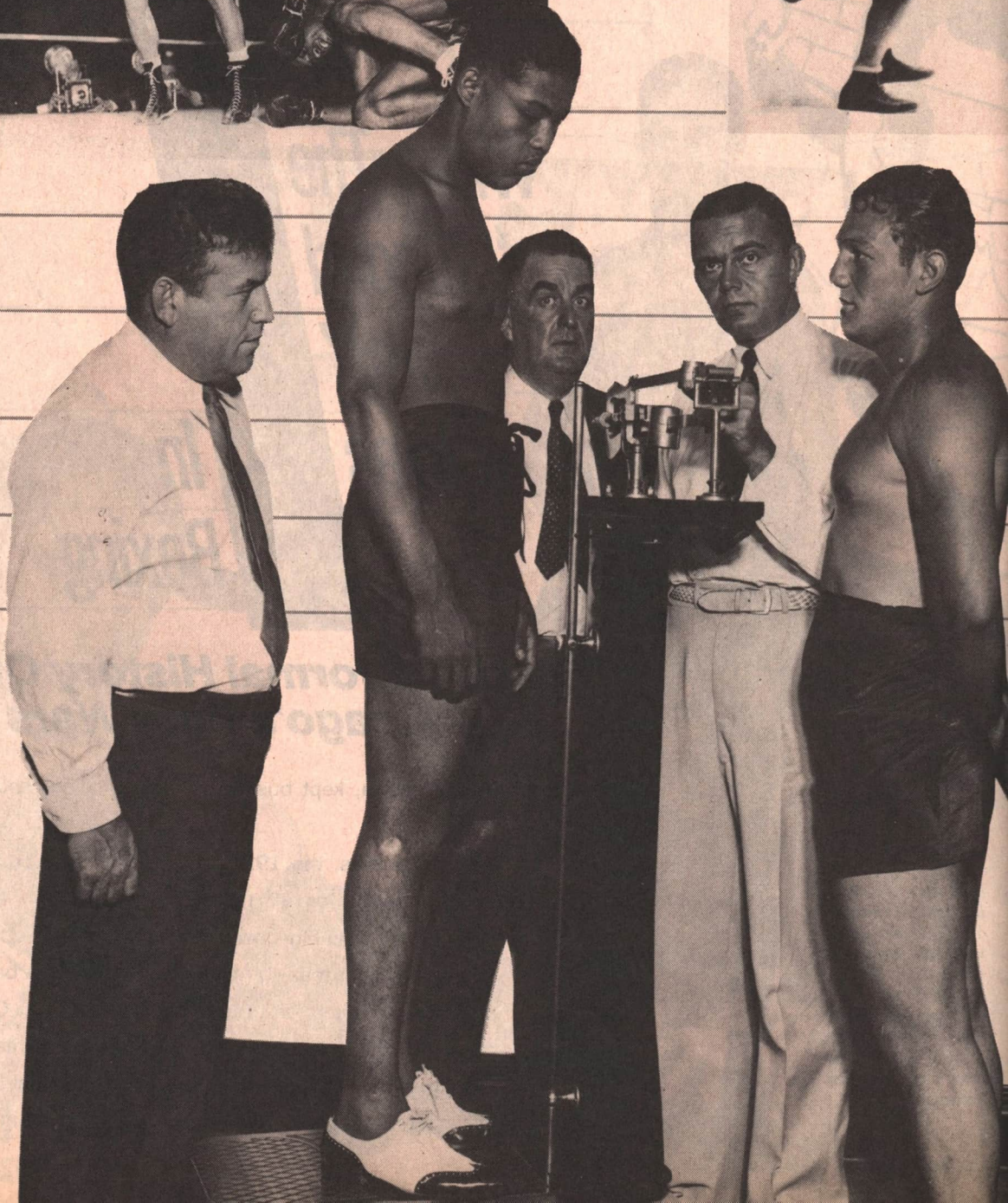
In those days, the 1920s to the mid-'50s, boxers would have 70 or 80 fights before getting a title shot. Now, they win championships after 15 bouts or less. Many of today's titleholders would have been preliminary fighters years ago. In decades past, Chicago had colorful boxers and unforgettable fighters.

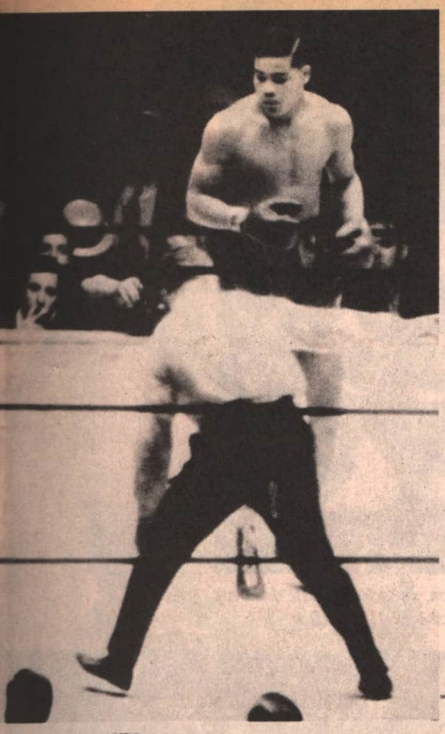
Fifty-seven years have passed since the fight between Joe Louis and that famed English grammari-





Former welter champion Fritzie Zivic decks Bobby Richardson (left) en route to a points win at Chicago Stadium in October 1943. The weigh-in for Joe Louis-King Levinsky (below) lasted longer than the August 1935 fight (right), which ended in less than a round at Comiskey Park.

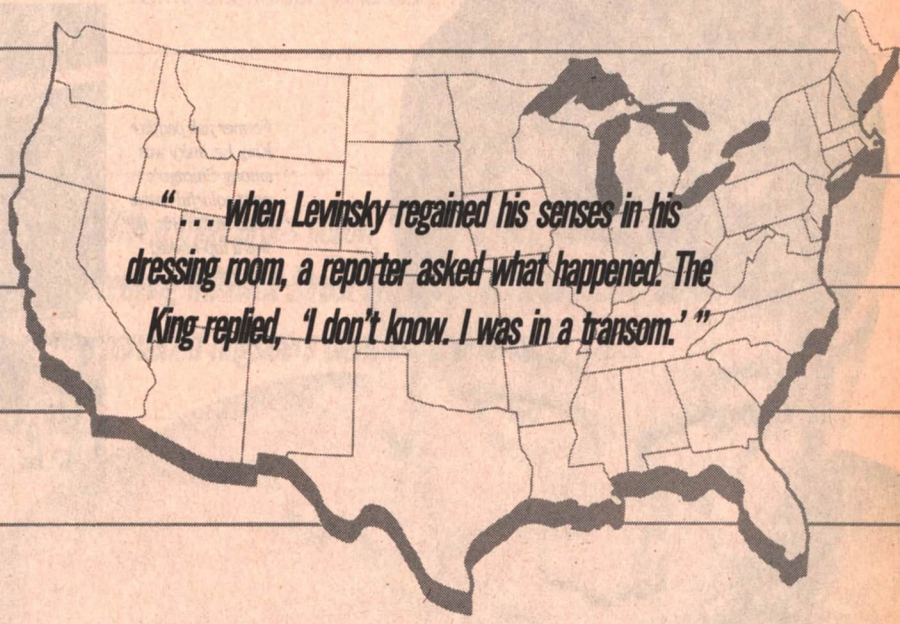




an, King Levinsky. It was August 7, 1935, and the place was Comiskey Park. Usually a fearless battler, Levinsky was so impressed with Louis' knockout prowess that there was some question he'd make it into the ring. The fight went on half an hour early to make sure Levinsky didn't run out of his dressing room and flee to his old haunts on Maxwell Street.

Louis demolished him in less than a round, and when Levinsky regained his senses in his dressing room, a reporter asked what happened. The King replied, "I don't know. I was in a transom."

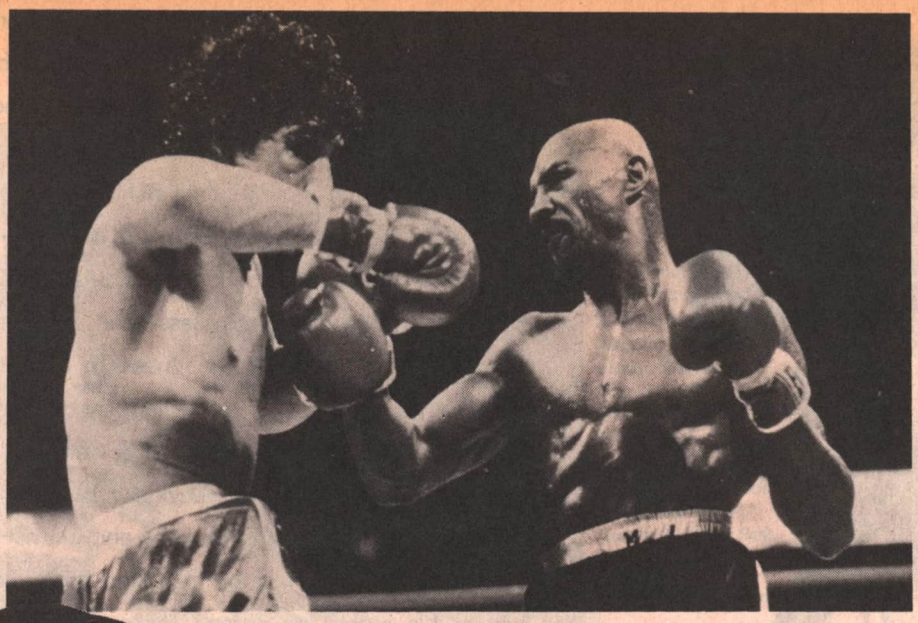
No boxing stylist either, Levinsky brought an inspired blend of cunning, strength, and clumsiness to his trade. However, lest he be taken for a clown, a look at his record discloses wins over a number of excellent heavyweights. Many of them suddenly



"... when Levinsky regained his senses in his dressing room, a reporter asked what happened. The King replied, 'I don't know. I was in a transom.'"

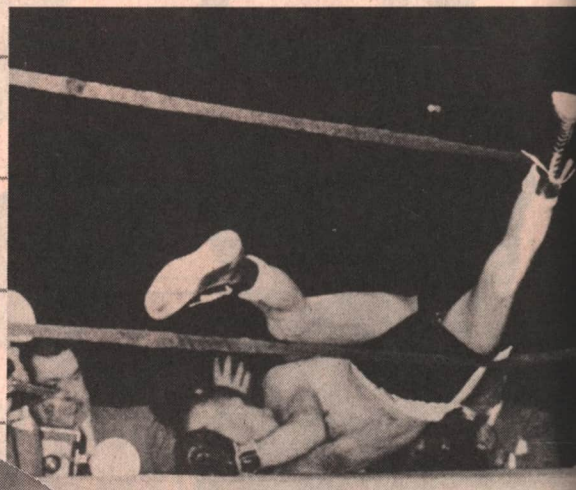
lapsed into unconsciousness after thinking Levinsky was going to scratch his right ear, when he was really winding up to throw his potent right hand. He was a former fish peddler from Chicago's West Side, and his nickname didn't signify royal blood in the Levinsky strain, but rather a shortening of Kingfish.

Levinsky's sister, "Leaping Lena," held a license as a second and worked in his corner. A plainspoken woman, she would have made Betty Friedan seem like Rebecca of Sunnybrook Farm. Her license was revoked one night when the King dropped a 10-round decision and she took noisy umbrage to the announcement. With a thunderous bellow, Lena

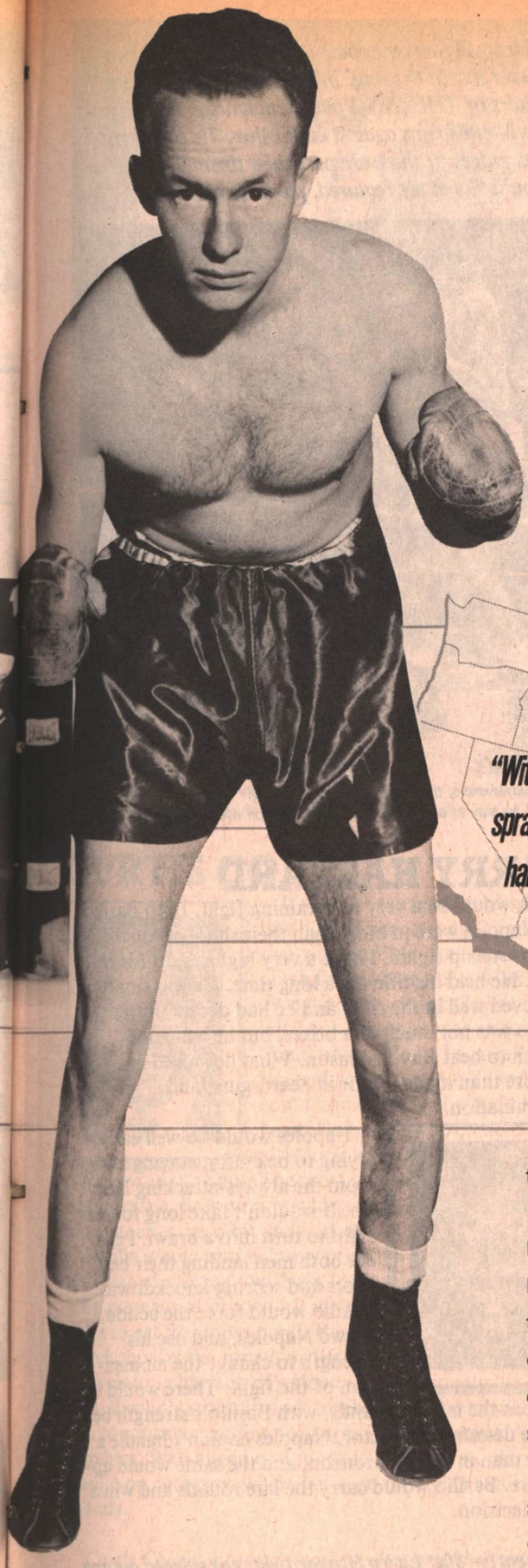


Chicago boxing has provided few recent highlights. An exception: In October 1981, dominant middleweight champion Marvin Hagler stopped Mustafa Hamsho in 11 rounds.

Former fish peddler King Levinsky was among Chicago's most colorful native sons. In the '30s, he was a top-ranked heavyweight.

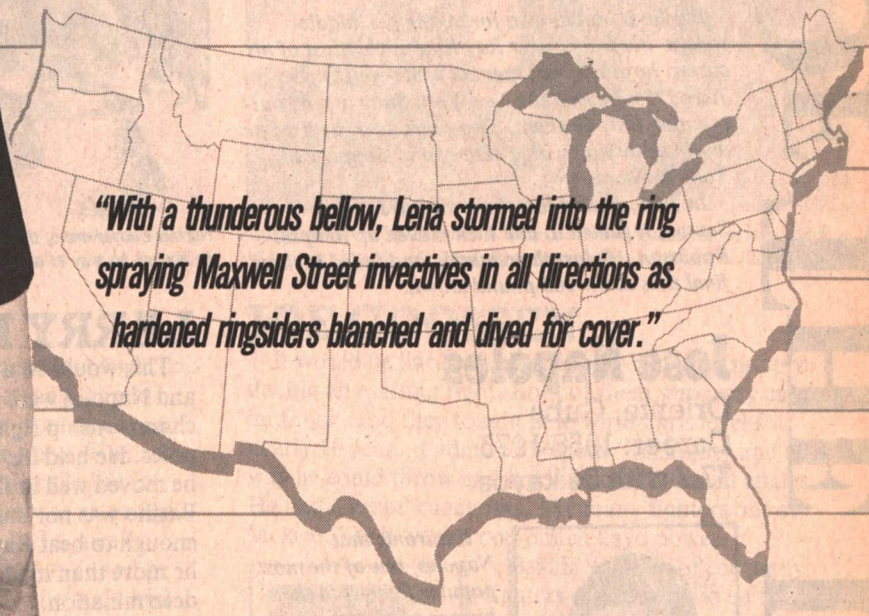


In the '50s, Chuck Davey (right) scored many of his major triumphs in Chicago. In February 1953, his run ended when Kid Gavilan knocked him through the ropes en route to a 10th-round TKO.



stormed into the ring spraying Maxwell Street invectives in all directions as hardened ringsiders blanched and dived for cover. The judges and attending boxing commissioners attempted to reason with her, but after she made a number of pointed and profane suggestions to them, her career as a second was abruptly terminated.

Including Louis, Levinsky boxed five men who held the heavyweight title. He lost a 10-round decision to Primo Carnera, "The Leaning Tower Of Gorgonzola," in December 1932 in Chicago Stadium. Levinsky beat Jack Sharkey in the Stadium in September 1933, three months after Sharkey had lost the heavyweight crown. He lost a 20-rounder and a 10-rounder to Max Baer in 1932, before Baer became titleholder. And Baer kayoed the King in round



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two of a four-round exhibition in Chicago in 1934.

In 1932, when former heavyweight king Jack Dempsey was toying with the idea of a comeback, he fought a four-round exhibition against Levinsky at the Chicago Coliseum on February 18. The bout drew a crowd of 23,322 paid admissions for a gross of $74,193.94, the largest amount ever grossed solely from an exhibition. Dempsey got $33,000 and Levinsky $11,000, but Levinsky abused Dempsey so severely that the "Manassa Mauler" forgot about his comeback.

Levinsky had a brief fling as a professional wres-

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BATTLE OF THE LEGENDS

WELTERWEIGHTS

Carmen Basilio

Canastota, New York
Career: 1948-1961
56-16-7 with 27 kayos

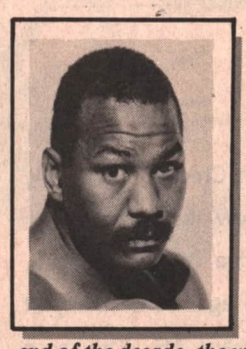
There are master boxers, savage punchers, and fighters like Basilio, whom Angelo Dundee described as "the toughest fighter I ever met." The 5'6½" brawler emerged from the onion fields of Canastota to capture world titles at two weights. He did so with his fists, but also with his heart.

Basilio is best known for taking the middleweight title from Sugar Ray Robinson. Most of his career, however, was spent at welterweight. In June 1953, he won the New York State title by outpointing Billy Graham. Two years later, he became world champion with a 12th-round stoppage of Tony DeMarco.

In 1956, Basilio lost the crown to Johnny Saxton, regained it, and then moved up to upset Robinson. He lost the rematch, and failed in three final tries at the 160-pound crown.

Jose Napoles

Oriente, Cuba
Career: 1958-1975
77-7 with 54 kayos



It is ironic that Napoles, one of the most popular fighters in the history of Mexico, was born and raised in Cuba. In 1962, he moved to Mexico City, where the smooth boxer acquired the nickname "Mantequilla" (butter). Napoles' reputation quickly spread, and toward the end of the decade, the world's best 147-pounders were ducking him.

The 5'7½" technician punched as well as he boxed, especially with his left hook. In April 1969, he took the world title from Curtis Cokes by 13th-round TKO. He reigned for all but six months of the next 6½ years—in December 1970, he was stopped on cuts by Billy Backus, whom he halted in the rematch—and gained recognition as the finest welterweight since Sugar Ray Robinson.

In December 1975, Napoles, age 35, was dethroned by John H. Stracey. The sixth-round stoppage was the last fight of his career.

Fight fans will forever debate the merits of champions who never met in the ring. In "Battle Of The Legends," the editors of THE RING play matchmaker and pit two of the all-time greats against each other. Three experts serve as judges. If there are particular dream matches that you'd like to see featured, please write to us.

Napoles enjoyed one of the longest reigns in welterweight history. In September 1973, he hooked his way to a unanimous 15-round decision over Canada's Clyde Gray.

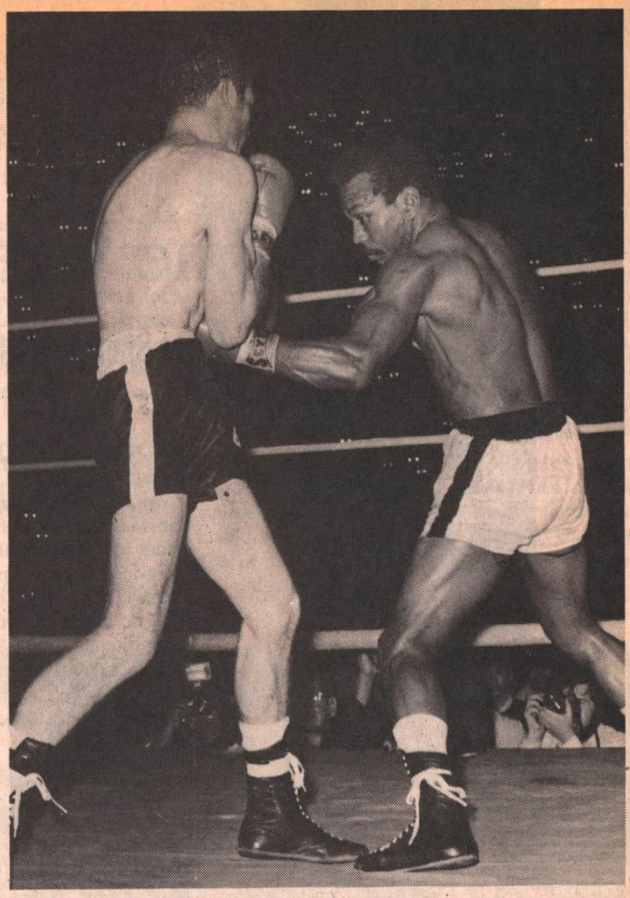
LARRY HAZZARD

This would be a very entertaining fight. Both Basilio and Napoles were in more than their share of tough championship fights. I have a very high regard for Napoles. He held his title for a long time. He was smart, he moved well in the ring, and he had decent power. Basilio was not much of a boxer, but he was good enough to beat Ray Robinson. What he lacked in skills, he more than made up for in heart, guts, and determination.

Napoles would do well early, trying to be crafty, staying away from the always-attacking Basilio. It wouldn't take long for this fight to turn into a brawl. I can see both men landing their best shots and scoring knockdowns. Basilio would force the action, crowd Napoles, and use his strength to change the momentum of the fight. There would be a shift in the middle rounds, with Basilio's strength being the determining factor. Napoles couldn't handle a bigger man in Carlos Monzon, and the same would apply here. Basilio would carry the late rounds and win a close decision.

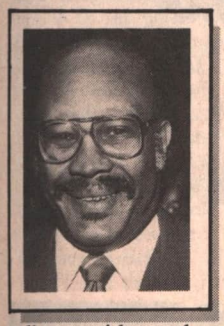
In the early-'80s, Larry Hazzard was considered among the best referees in the world. He is currently the commissioner of the New Jersey Athletic Control Board.

After winning the world welterweight title by stopping Tony DeMarco in the 12th round, Basilio defended against the Bostonian and again halted him in the 12th.



Napoles spent most of his career in Mexico, where he learned the national punch, a left hook to the body. His target: Ernie Lopez, whom he stopped in February 1970.

CURTIS COKES



It would be an exciting fight. Basilio was very strong, aggressive, and durable, sometimes too much for his own good. He had decent power, especially in his left hook. Napoles was an exceptional boxer. He had a sneaky jab and good right hand, and he could hook well to the body and head. Defensively he could do it all: block, slip, pull away, and roll to avoid punches. The most impressive quality that he possessed, however, was his accuracy. If he threw nine punches, he'd hit you with 8½.

Basilio would immediately press the action. He'd do his share of scoring, but Napoles would counter with crisp punches of his own. It wouldn't take long for Napoles to get the upper hand. Basilio would continue to attack, but by the fourth or fifth round, Napoles would be exploiting his lack of defense and busting up his face. Basilio's strength and durability would enable him to continue coming forward. But that wouldn't help him. Well ahead on the cards, Napoles would stop Basilio on cuts somewhere between the eighth and 10th rounds.

Curtis Cokes, a former world welterweight champion, was stopped by Napoles in two title fights.

JOE GOOSSEN

It would be hard to imagine these two guys not producing an exciting fight. Both of them were very cagey and slick, and they fought at a world-class level for nearly 10 years. I admired Napoles' versatility and the way he could throw and land punches from all angles. He had a lot of knockouts, like many fighters out of Mexico, but it wasn't one-punch kayo power.

Basilio was one of the many fighters of his era who epitomized the blue-collar work ethic. He was always in tremendous shape, and he was able to press the action for 15 sometimes-brutal rounds.

Napoles was smooth, and he landed a high volume of his punches, but I don't think he had enough to keep Basilio off him. Carmen's strength and determination would offset that. Basilio beat Sugar Ray Robinson and did well against other top fighters of his era. As good as Napoles was, he had a difficult time with some not-so-great fighters. The deciding factor is that Basilio beat a better class of fighter. Basilio on a late TKO, due to cuts, or by close but unanimous decision.

Joe Goossen, a world-class trainer, handles Rafael and Gabe Ruelas. He formerly worked as an analyst for TVKO. ■

Time Capsules

By Stanley Weston

With files of more than three million black-and-white and color negatives, *The Ring* magazine photo collection is by far the largest in the world. Each issue, we'll pore through the files to bring you some of the most unique boxing photographs ever taken

NO WORDS NECESSARY

(July 23, 1930)

After signing contracts for their August 7, 1930, big fight in New York, Cuba's brilliant Kid Chocolate could only smile when Britain's equally brilliant Jack "Kid" Berg said, "Best of luck, mate." The Kid, you see, couldn't understand one word of English.

Prefight hoopla centered around the not-quite-true boast that Chocolate was undefeated in 99 professional fights. Checking out that impressive claim, a *New York Times* reporter concluded that Cuba's idolized Kid had indeed never been beaten, but that the claim of 99 uninterrupted victories was somewhat inflated.

Regardless of the pretentious hoopla, the first Berg-Chocolate battle was a classic unto itself. Those fortunate enough to have seen it never forgot it. At the end of 10 furious rounds, every one of which was a mind-boggling problem for the two judges and referee to score, the official verdict went to Britain's Berg. The Kid's reaction? He draped his head over the top rope and cried. Nothing like it had ever been seen before—or has been seen since.

KNOCK ON WOOD

(December 3, 1947)

World light heavyweight champion Gus Lesnevich taps famous bandleader Woody Herman on the chin with what Gus always called "my bread-and-butter punch, a right cross." They met backstage before appearing on the popular CBS television show *We The People.*

Having run out of marketable challengers in his own division, Lesnevich's script called for him to challenge the winner of the heavyweight title fight between champion Joe Louis and Jersey Joe Walcott, scheduled two days later. "All I want is to fight a guy named Joe," Gus quipped to the nationwide audience. "And I don't care which one it is, so long as he is heavyweight champ."

Louis retained the crown when awarded a decision that everybody, including Louis himself, thought Walcott deserved. As for Lesnevich, he never did get a shot at either Joe, but he did eventually get a chance to win the heavyweight crown against a guy named Ezzard (Charles), who stopped him in the seventh round.

ALWAYS AT PEACE WITH GERALDINE

(April 12, 1969)

When you think of Sonny Liston, you automatically picture a huge, brooding man with a threatening scowl contorting his face. *The Ring* Publisher Nat Fleischer wrote, "I never saw him smile. He always seemed mad at the whole world. Like he wanted to get even for things that had been done to him before. I don't think he had one happy day in his life."

Those close to the "Big Bear" knew differently. Recalled one of his very true friends, "Charles never could, or tried, to hide his emotions. Sure he carried a lot of grudges. That was only natural when you take into account the brutality of his youth. He was always suspicious and on the alert, as if a hungry tiger was waiting for him around the corner . . . " The man paused. A smile crossed his face, then he continued. "Only Geraldine made him happy. She was the only one in the world who could draw him out of his shell. The only one who could make him comfortable and at ease. Only when Geraldine was with Charles did he allow his guard to drop."

This rare picture of Charles "Sonny" Liston pitching horseshoes with his beloved wife Geraldine on the grounds of their simple Las Vegas home captures the former heavyweight champion as no other picture does: happy, comfortable, at ease—and smiling. Less than two years later, Sonny died at the age of 38.

"THAT MAN LOOKS FAMILIAR"

(May 6, 1944)

Heads turned for a closer look at the strapping man wearing the uniform of a U.S. Naval officer as he strolled alone down a street in bustling Melbourne, Australia. "That man looks familiar," passers-by said. "I know that face."

"That face" was one of the most recognizable in the world, a traffic-stopper in New York, Paris, Antarctica, or Melbourne. It belonged to former heavyweight champion Jack Dempsey, then Commander Jack Dempsey, the director of physical training for the U.S. Coast Guard. Jack was on a 36-hour fact-finding tour from his home base in Okinawa. This picture was taken as he was about to enter Australian Naval Headquarters for a staff meeting. When he walked into the ornate conference room, it didn't surprise Dempsey to be greeted by more journalists and photographers than military brass.

"You've got a lot of husky people in this country," Jack told the press. "I like Australia because it's rugged like Colorado, which is where I come from." And then, as flashbulbs lit up the big room like an indoor Fourth of July bash, Dempsey added, "I think Australians are the greatest sporting people in the whole world."

REACHING OUT

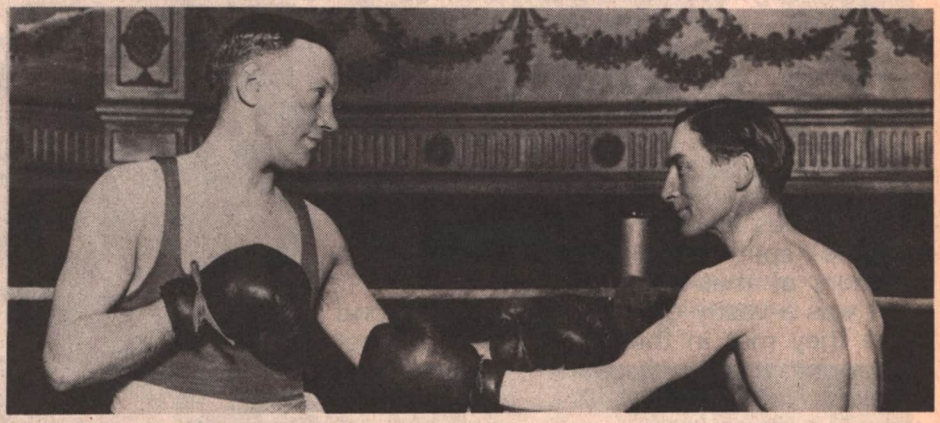
(August 10, 1931)

Gigantic Italian heavyweight Primo Carnera demonstrates his enormous size and reach by planting his hand on the top of Billy Petrolle's head. The photo was taken in New York's famous Stillman's Gymnasium, before a huge crowd, which was always the case when Primo's name appeared on the marquee.

Petrolle was winding up training for his upcoming third fight with knockout artist Jimmy McLarnin—they had split a pair of 10-round decisions—while Carnera was beginning preliminary conditioning for his most important bout to date, against former heavyweight king Jack Sharkey. After this picture was taken, the always dead-serious Petrolle questioned his lifelong friend and manager, the equally serious Jack Hurley, "What is this all about? I feel stupid and out of place with this big guy holding his paw on top of my head." Manager Hurley, rarely lost for an answer to any question, stuttered for a moment, then replied, "Because it's good for business, Billy."

It was indeed; Petrolle and McLarnin drew a near-sellout crowd to New York's 80,000-capacity

Yankee Stadium on the scorching night of August 20, 1931. But, alas, Billy was outpointed over 10 rounds and had to be content with the fattest paycheck of his career. As for big Primo, ex-champion Sharkey toyed with him for 15 one-sided rounds and romped to an easy decision victory.



BACK IN THE RING—AT "THE RING"

(May 10, 1924)

One year after his retirement, former world flyweight champion Jimmy Wilde (left) and famous British jockey Steve Donoghue appeared in a six-round benefit exhibition at London's historic arena "The Ring." It was in the same ring that 12 years before (in 1912) , a 20-year-old Wilde made his London debut with an electrifying first-round knockout of Matt Wells.

Wilde is generally considered the greatest flyweight of all-time and, pound-for-pound, one of the 10 best fighters who ever lived. In his 14-year pro career (1910-1923), the 110-pound Welshman lost only three of 145 recorded bouts.

After the benefit exhibition with Donoghue, Wilde said, "Being back here in this same ring after all those years makes me feel like a kid again. I've fought in rings all over the world, but here in The Ring is very special."

We at *The Ring* also have a special place in our hearts for that historic London emporium; it was from her that we got our name.

HANDS OF CLAY

(November 16, 1962)

Undefeated 20-year-old heavyweight Cassius Marcellus Clay Jr. sat alone, understandably tense, in a dark corner of his dressing room. In less than 60 minutes he would be headed for the ring in Los Angeles for his 16th professional fight, by far the most important and dangerous of his budding career. He was about to match his extraordinary skills against a 48-year-old boxing icon, a former world light heavyweight champion with more than 230 fights in his unparalleled career, the incomparable Archie Moore.

As Clay meditated before being called to battle, rubbing his hands together as if in prayer, an observant

photographer noticed a rather large growth on the fighter's left hand, on the knuckle above the pinky finger. He zoomed in as close as he could and took this picture, which clearly shows the growth. Had the gamblers been aware of that abnormality, the odds surely would have dived against Cassius. But nobody inside the fighter's inner circle knew, except the guy who took the picture. And he kept his mouth shut.

Clay had predicted he would knock out Moore in the fourth round, which is exactly what he did. The fact that he had to overcome what surely must have been a painful handicap adds to the already bigger-than-life legend of this immortal athlete.

"He Hits Like He's Got Knives In His Gloves"

Flick! Flick! Flick!

Almost every time Johnny Gonsalves, the "Portuguese Phantom" from Oakland, mounted an attack, Orlando Zulueta would shift and spear him with stinging lefts. The speedier Gonsalves, making his Madison Square Garden debut in November 1952, was outpunching his Cuban rival. But Zulueta's sharp lefts were bothering him.

In the very first round, Zulueta sliced open an ugly gash on Gonsalves' cheek. In the second, he slashed Johnny's left brow, and for the rest of the fight he concentrated his attack on those wounds.

One ringsider, surveying the damage, whistled, "Boy, that Zulueta hits like he's got knives in his gloves!"

Gonsalves went on to win, but it was a hairline split decision clouded by the memory of that chopping left.

It was a vastly different story the second time they met in that same arena, almost 19 months later. Gonsalves was so busy ducking lefts that Zulueta walked away with the decision.

If you followed fights during boxing's Golden Age, you've heard of Zulueta. Maybe you can't recall whom he beat, or who beat him, but the name is familiar, blended with the hundreds of other names that spark the same kind of memories.

Zulueta's career was far from spectacular, and he wasn't a particularly exciting fighter to watch. If you were to rate the lightweights from the time of Joe Gans to the present, chances are you'd rank Zulueta somewhere between 476 and 563. And yet this delicate-looking Cuban, who bounced around the ring as if he had springs strapped to his feet, had a peculiar talent unsurpassed by any fighter in history.

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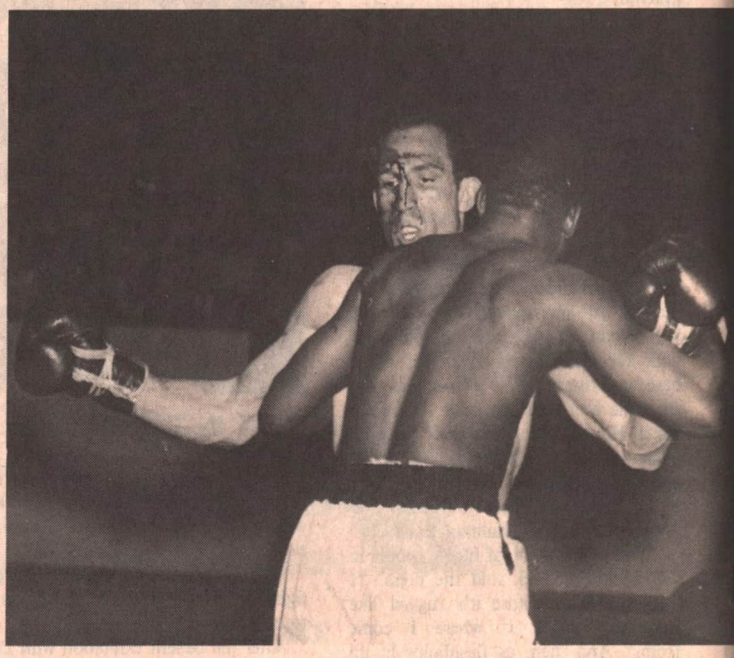
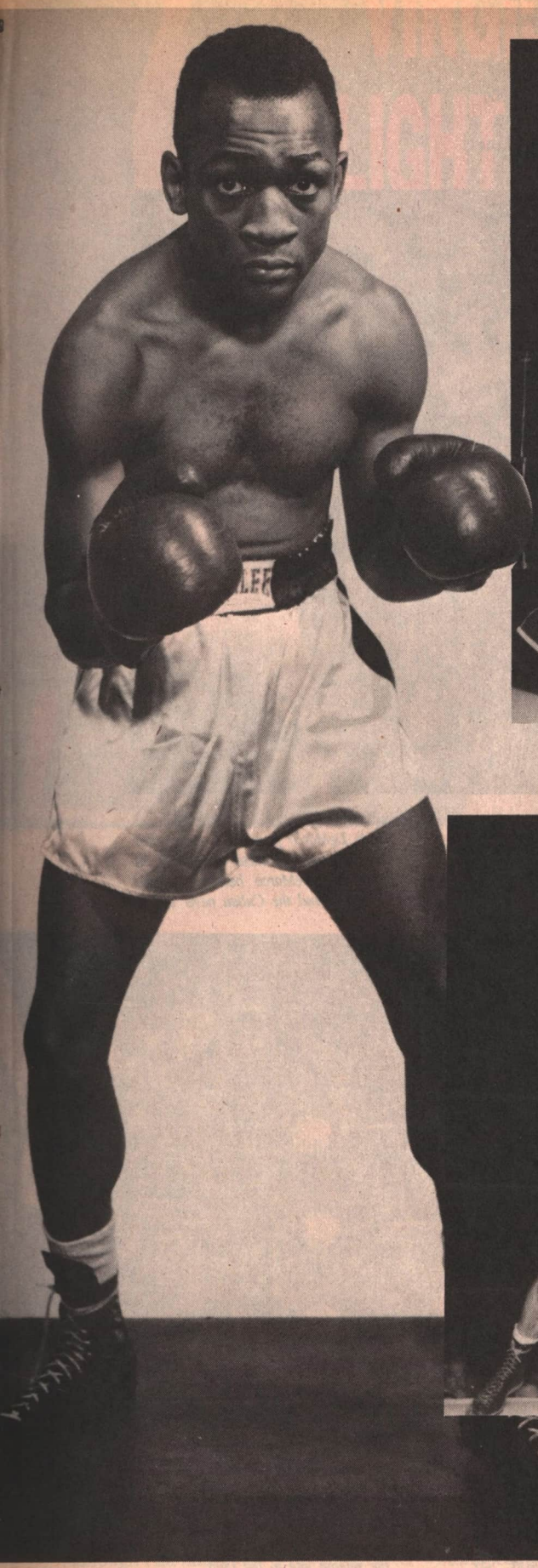
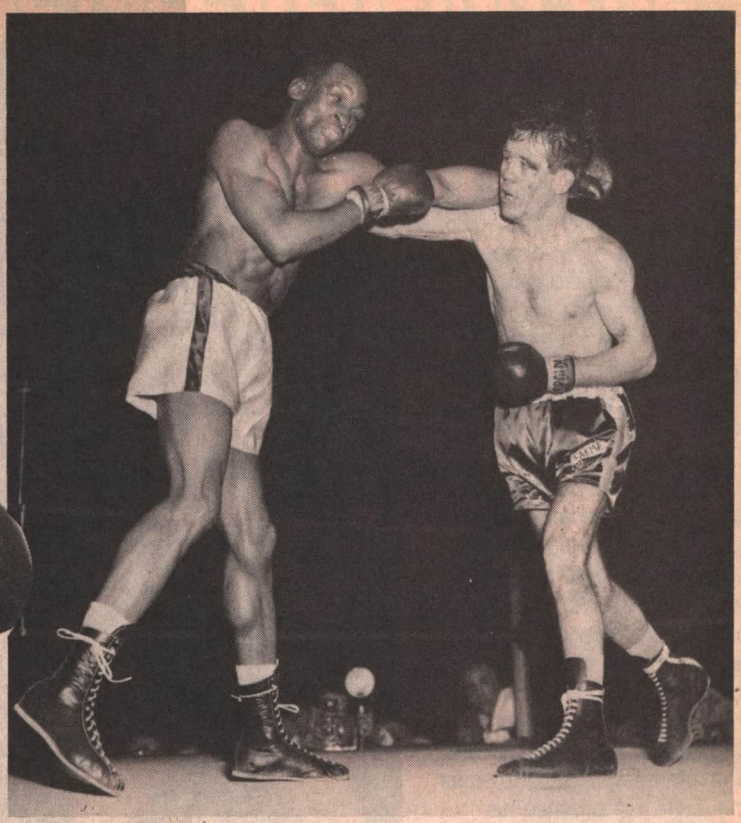


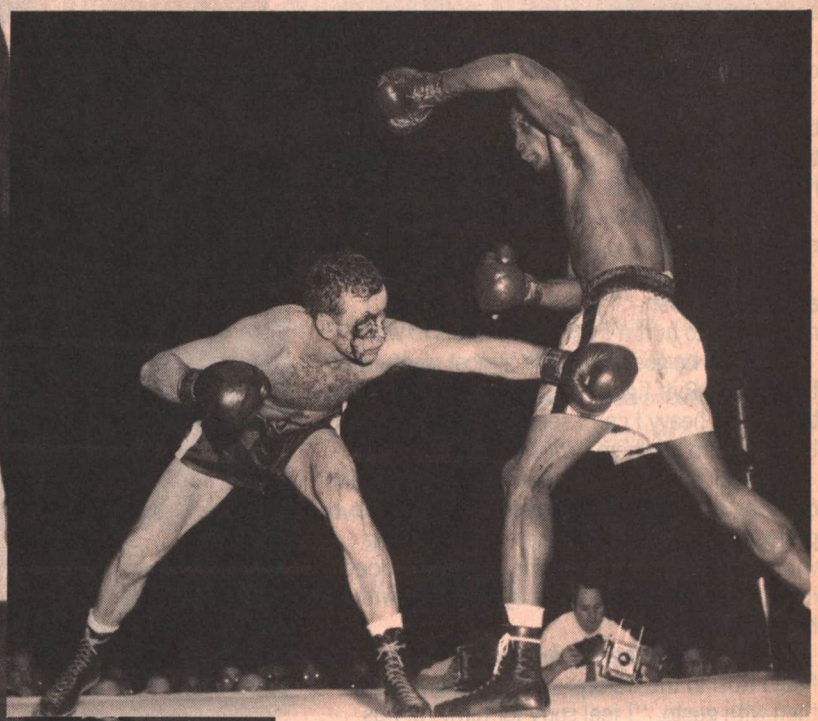
Paolo Rosi's face is testimony to Zulueta's knife-like fists. In April 1954, the Cuban scored an eighth-round stoppage in New York City.

THE UNCANNY TALENT OF ORLANDO ZULUETA





Zulueta didn't win all of his fights, but he almost always drew blood. In March 1956, he struggled to a draw vs. a chopped up Fred Galiana in Milan, Italy.



Despite his mask of blood, Frankie Ryff edged Zulueta at Madison Square Garden in December 1954.

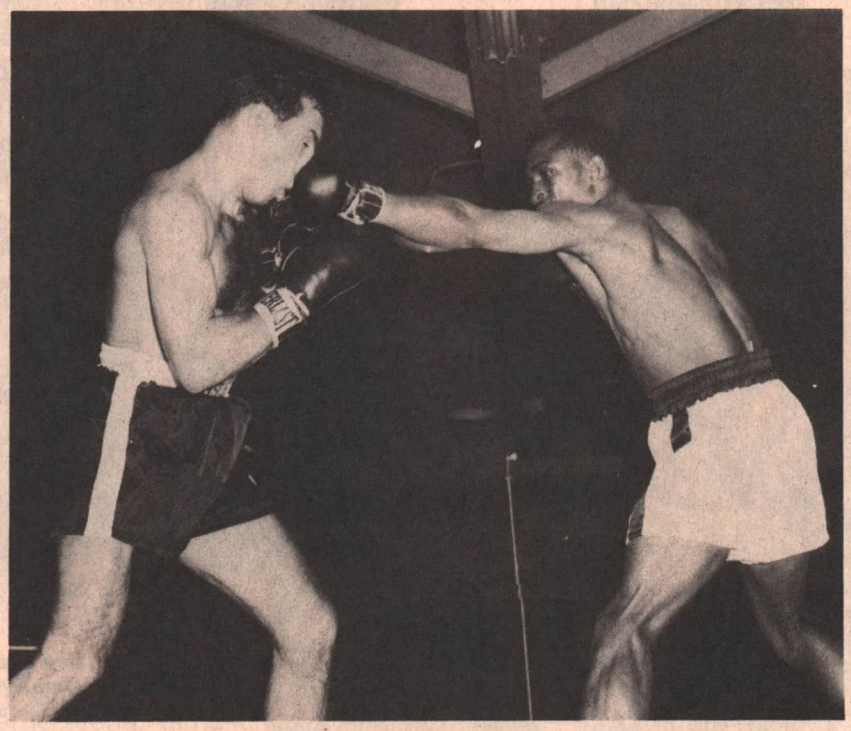
This talent wasn't something to be proud of; its end product was the transformation of a man's face into a mass of bloody pulp. Even experienced seconds like Freddie Fierro, who handled Zulueta through most of his career, couldn't explain why Orlando's fists had such extraordinary cutting power.

"Zulueta wasn't a hard puncher," Fierro said. "In fact, I can't remember one man he knocked out. But when he threw a punch, particularly a left jab, chances are that when he pulled his arm back after delivering the shot, the other guy's skin was busted open. I could never figure it out, and neither could any of the other trainers."

Fierro recalled one night when Zulueta had inflicted six assorted cuts on an opponent's face in the opening round. "When the round was over," he said, "the other guy's manager ran over to the referee and screamed that Zulueta had razor blades sticking through his gloves.

"The referee must have believed him because he came over to our corner and examined Zulueta's gloves. It was funny the way he did it. You know, when you do something like that, you grab the glove and press down real hard so that you can feel right through to the bandages. But the referee was afraid to press hard. He just brushed his hand over each glove, very slowly, very lightly, as if he was expecting to cut his hand on a blade or a piece of glass.

"Of course he didn't find anything wrong, and then he looked over to the other corner and shrugged his shoulders. The next round, the fight was stopped."



Zulueta's big weapon was his left hand, as Paddy DeMarco found out during their three-fight series. Zulueta won two of the bouts, but DeMarco became a world champion, and the Cuban never did.

In his 15 years as a pro, Zulueta had about 130 fights. He estimates that he cut up 60 percent of his opponents. You detect a sense of pride in his voice as he speaks of his accomplishments.

"Did you purposely try to cut up your opponents, Orlando?"

He grins, lowers his head, and says in heavily accented English, "I won't say exactly that. I never want to hurt a man. All I want is to win."

But then he goes on to talk almost gleefully of the Frankie Ryff fight. "I split open his eye. The blood is so heavy I can't see where the eye is. So I have to aim at where I *think* the eye is."

You look at his hands—the fingers so long and delicate, like those of a surgeon. The nails are perfectly manicured, and there is a large ring with a blue stone on his pinkie. He gives added impact to everything he says by gesturing with his hands.

He talks about the way he hacked up poor Paolo Rosi in the Garden—first apologetically, then with gusto. "I feel sorry for him. He was game boy. Very fast. A good puncher. I open his eye and I keep punching at it."

You got the impression that Zulueta enjoyed his reputation as "The Hatchet Man." It was his one claim to fame. He is remembered as the man who artistically cut fighters to pieces with unmatched perfection.

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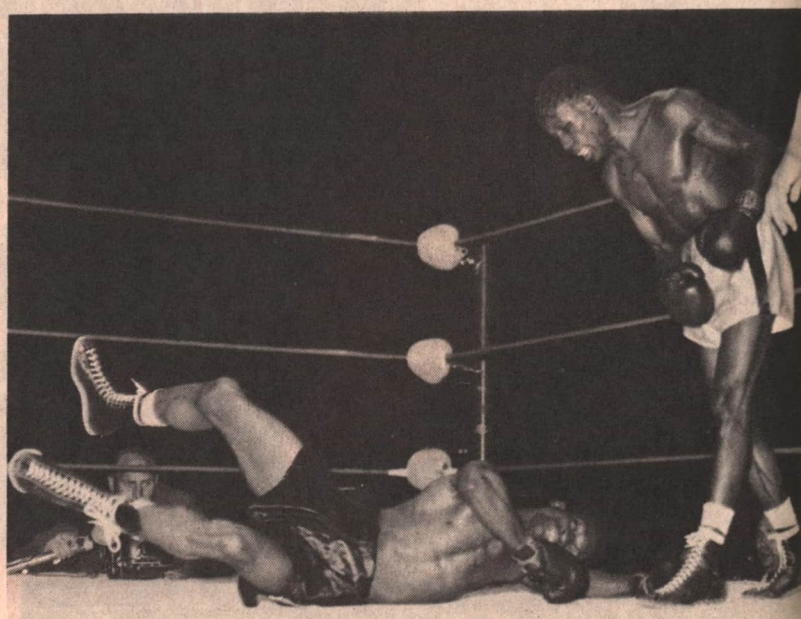
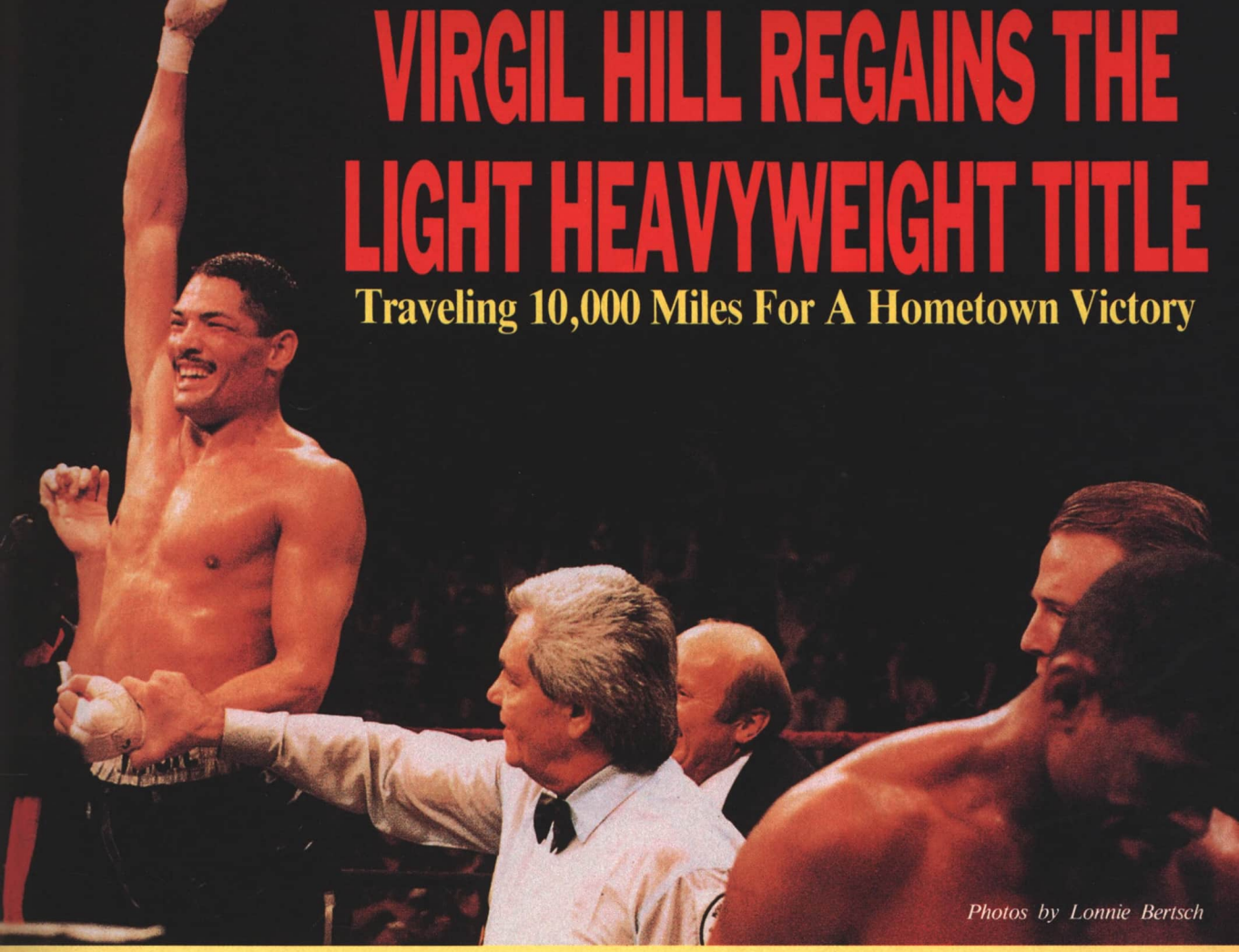


In Zulueta's only title try, he was stopped in June 1957 by long-reigning champion Joe Brown in the 15th round. Zulueta was competitive throughout, but got caught by the veteran late in the fight.

VIRGIL HILL REGAINS THE LIGHT HEAVYWEIGHT TITLE

Traveling 10,000 Miles For A Hometown Victory



Photos by Lonnie Bertsch

By Joseph C. Tintle

If it had been any other time during his career, Virgil Hill might not have been so anxious to hear the outcome of his fight. Anyone who saw his bout with Frank Tate, fought for the vacant WBA light heavyweight title, knew Hill had won. And won easily. But the fighter wasn't so sure. In fact, he hadn't been certain about much of anything since losing to Thomas Hearns in June 1991.

As Hill stood in the middle of the ring, he thought over the preceding 16 months. The fight with Hearns, of course, crossed his mind first. Never had Hill felt so empty, so naked, after losing the WBA crown to the "Hit Man." Then came Hill's breakup with trainer Freddie Roach. It wasn't an easy decision for the fighter, but their relationship had become stale, and he needed to jump-start his career. Both developments led him to bid farewell to his loved ones last December and travel to Australia, where his new trainer, Johnny Lewis, was waiting to help him rebuild his career.

Hill's thoughts eventually drifted back to the Bismarck Civic Center in his hometown of Bismarck, North Dakota, as he was about to find out if the 10,000-mile trip Down Under had been worth it.

Robert Watson scored 120-109, but Harold Lederman and Jose Campos saw it 116-112 and 118-116, respectively.

Oh, no, thought Hill. *What if . . . ?*

Then he drew in a deep breath, made the sign of the cross, and braced himself for the announcement of the winner.

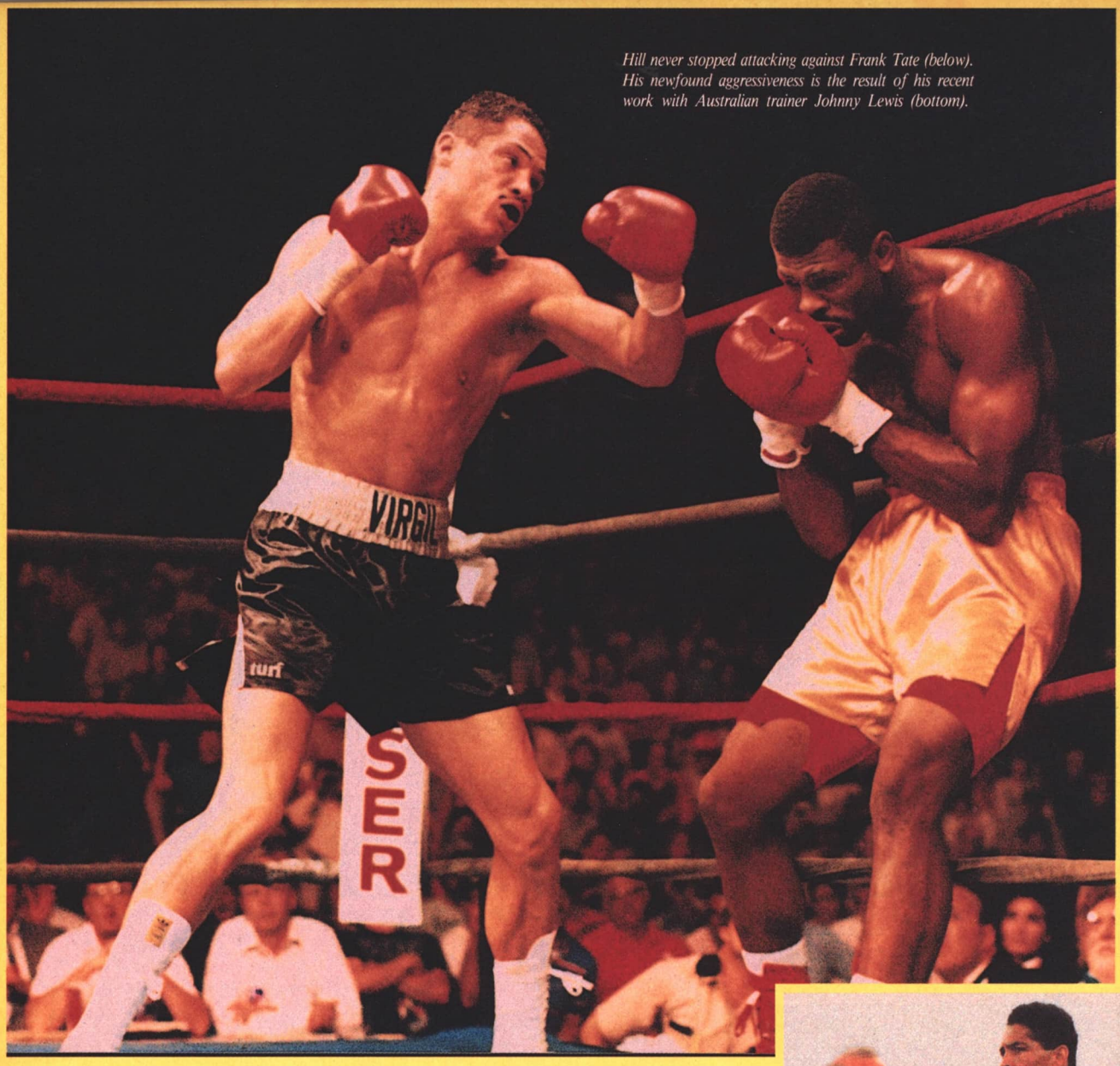
"The new WBA champion of the world," blared ring announcer Jon Hegre. "Virgil 'Quicksilver' Hill!"

A relieved smile swept across the fighter's face. He raised his right hand, leaped high next to referee Bernie Soto, and kissed his handlers.

"I was so-o-o-o happy," Hill told *The Ring*. "I wanted to take that win and stuff it right back up those asses who said I was finished after my loss to Tommy."

Although Hill had made 10 defenses after winning the WBA crown in 1987, he admitted that he had come to take his title

Hill never stopped attacking against Frank Tate (below). His newfound aggressiveness is the result of his recent work with Australian trainer Johnny Lewis (bottom).



for granted. Part of the reason, he said, was that he and Roach had been drifting apart.

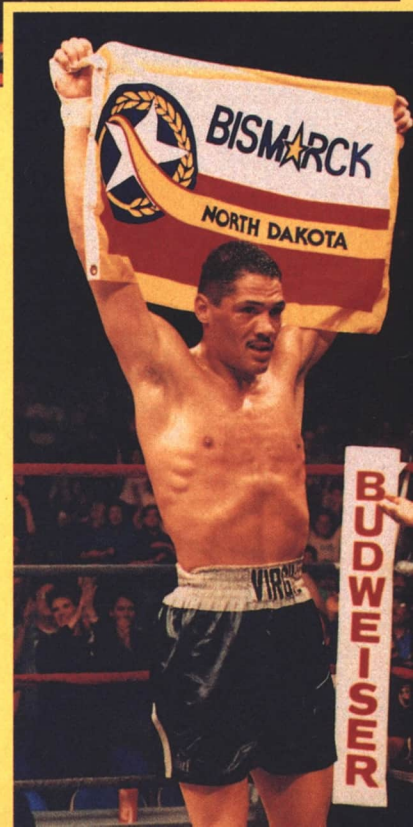
"I was doing things the same way for so long that it all got tiresome," said the 28-year-old champion. "Freddie and I weren't communicating, and most of it was my fault. I just stopped listening to him. Now, don't get me wrong, he's a good young trainer, but I needed someone different."

That Hill needed change was apparent. But it took a conversation with Australia's three-division champion, Jeff Fenech, in the summer of '91 to effect that change. Fenech suggested that if Hill were looking for a new approach, he ought to consider Lewis, who trained him.

Fenech said Lewis' talent lay in assessing a fighter's strengths and weaknesses. The more Hill and Fenech talked, the more Hill became convinced that uprooting himself might be the right thing to do.

So he took the 16-hour flight to Australia and rented a place in Five Dock, a suburb not far from the New Town Police Boys' Gym in the Merrickville section of Sydney. It was there that Hill worked with Lewis six days a week trying to regain his

Hill's strength remains his jab, which frustrated Tate (below). After his win, he acknowledged his secret weapon, the support of his fans in Bismarck (bottom).



self-confidence. And who better to teach ring aggression than the trainer of Fenech, one of the sport's hardest-charging fighters?

"The Australians have such a different outlook toward fighting," Hill said. "They're always aggressive, and that's what Johnny stressed to me from the first day. *Be aggressive*. That snapped me out of my rut, and before long I got back the dedication I was missing."

Lewis acknowledged Hill's counterpunching skills and didn't try to take away that facet of his game. Instead, he added to it. He told Hill that there would be times when he would have to step up his aggressiveness if he expected to raise his game another level. Lewis instructed Hill to be more flatfooted.

"But it's not like I'm going to try and plow through every opponent from now on," Hill said. "It wouldn't make sense to fight so aggressively against someone who is more aggressive than me. With someone like that, I'd mix up counterpunching and lateral movement as well."

Lewis also pushed Hill more than ever. During sparring sessions, Hill did not take one-minute breaks between rounds, as he had with Roach; 30-

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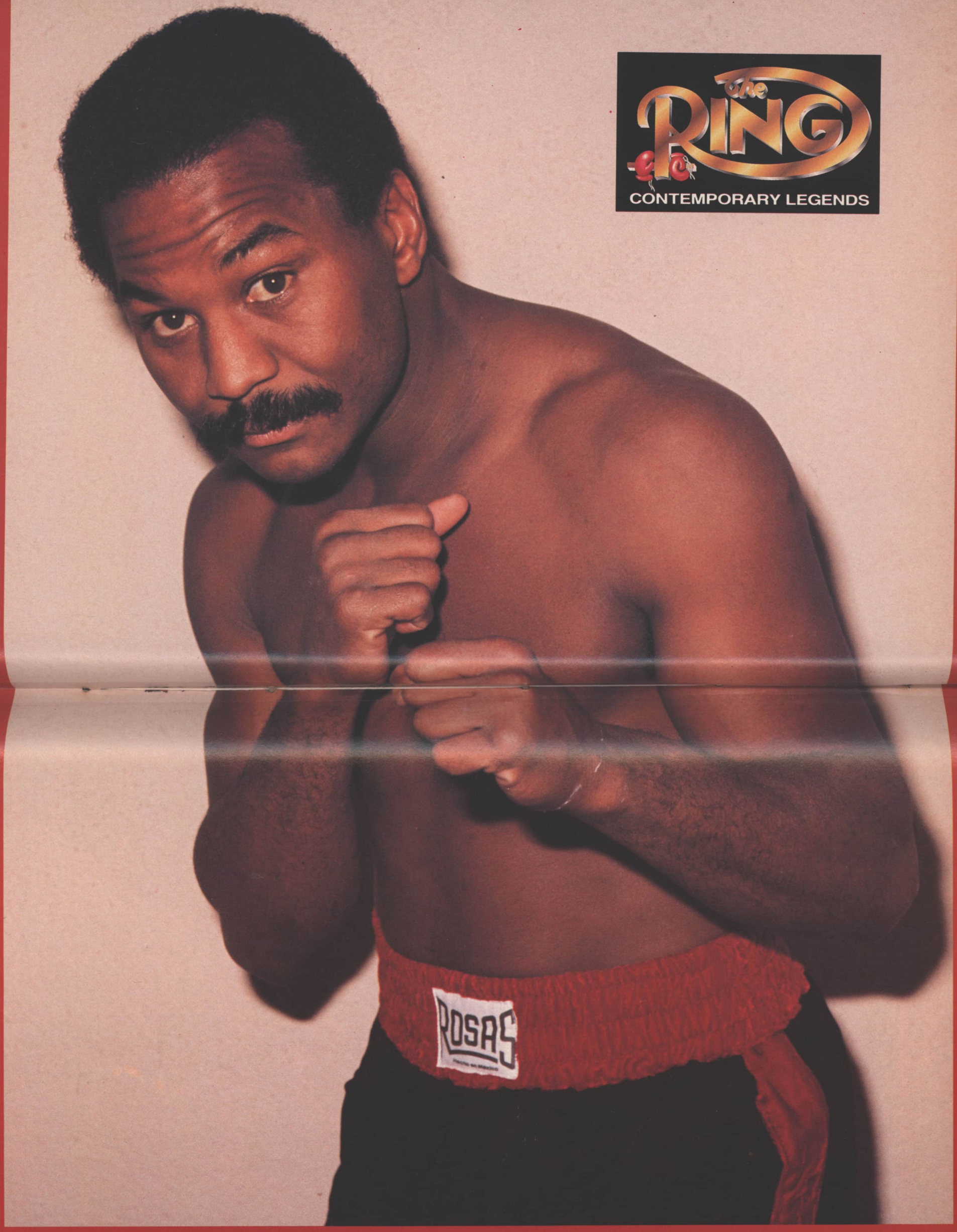


JOSE NAPOLES

Welterweight Champion of the World
Oriente, Cuba

Title Reigns: April 18, 1969-December 3, 1970; June 4, 1971-December 6, 1975

For most of their 10-rounder at the Great Western Forum, 20-year-old Fidel Avendano attacked Roger Mayweather from long range. The Mexican scored a fifth-round knockdown en route to a unanimous decision victory. Was it Mayweather's last fight?

Roger, Over And Out?

MAYWEATHER RETIRES, BUT THEN AGAIN . . .

Photos By Holly Stein/Allsport

By Nigel Collins

Boxing is going to miss Roger Mayweather when he's gone. Whenever that is.

True, he'll never be listed among the all-time greats, but he's been one of the game's most colorful and easily recognized performers for more than a decade. In an era confused by multiple champions in umpteen different divisions, Mayweather, with his sloping puncher's shoulders, lantern jaw, and trademark skull-and-crossbones logo, stood out among the faceless herd. Volatile and unpredictable, he was capable of both spectacular victories and shattering defeats.

Mayweather hasn't officially retired, but his recent loss to Fidel Avendano has him thinking more and more about his budding career as a trainer. Not that he wouldn't fight again if he could get "the right fight." It's always hard to let go, especially for a proud pro like Mayweather who feels he's still got what it takes to beat many of those still pocketing major money.

"I'm not as good as I used to be," the 31-year-old admits. "But I've got more left than some of these guys, guys like Greg Haugen, Terrence Alli, Hector Camacho. I can still beat them. But they won't fight me unless I keep losing, and I'm not going to do that. Some guys don't care, but it hurts me to lose. I'm not going to become an opponent and milk boxing at five, six, eight thousand [dollars] a fight. The game's too hard; it's not worth it. I'm no Saoul Mamby." *(Continued on page 63)*

BIG-FIGHT TURNING POINTS

What Would Have Happened If . . .

By Jeff Ryan

What if . . . ?

The most intriguing events are the ones defined by a single moment, a few seconds that change the course of history, affect numerous lives, and create second-guessing for years to come. The sports world, in particular, is a place where moments are often frozen in time. Bucky Dent's drive to left field falls into the screen at Fenway Park. Jerry Kramer's block leaves Bart Starr enough room to squeeze over the goal line on a frigid field in Green Bay. Mary Decker Slaney's foot makes contact with Zola Budd's on the Olympic track at the Los Angeles Coliseum.

But what if the pitch to Dent is two more inches inside? What if Starr's frozen fingers fumble the snap? What if Slaney and Budd never touch? How does history change? Do the goats go on to be heroes, and the heroes goats? What other competitors benefit? Or suffer? That speculation, more so than pitchers of Budweiser and Coors, could fuel barroom arguments forever.

So here's a little more super unleaded in the tank. Let's freeze four key boxing moments from the past two years and take a look at what would have happened if they had unfolded a little differently.

BUSTER DOUGLAS KO10 MIKE TYSON

February 11, 1990, Tokyo, Japan

On any given night . . . Late in round eight, it is clear that Douglas, a 42-1 underdog, is Tyson's given nightmare. Having dominated throughout, the challenger is now driving to the ropes an undefeated, undisputed champion who is thought to be unbeatable. In desperation, Tyson explodes a right uppercut to the chin. *Kaboom!* With six ticks left on the clock, Douglas crashes hard, and the earth returns to its proper axis. After beating a slow count, Douglas comes out for his inevitable demise in the ninth. But wait . . . He's not cautious and cowering, but aggressive and bold! He staggers Tyson badly, then, in the 10th, crunches "Iron Mike" like tin foil, finishing him in the greatest upset in sports history.

What if *Douglas hadn't gotten up? Tyson would have raised his record to 38-0 (34) and taken his place among the heavyweight greats by showing that he could work a miracle a la Muhammad Ali, Joe Louis, or Rocky Marciano. Tyson would never have visited Indianapolis in the summer of 1991, and thus never been charged with rape. He would have remained champion until late-1992, when he would have been kayoed in eight rounds by Riddick Bowe.*

Following his loss to Tyson, Douglas would have been in demand as a measuring stick for other heavyweights. Given hope by his showing against the champion, he would have been properly motivated and in shape for one of those fights, a split decision loss to contender Evander Holyfield.

JULIO CESAR CHAVEZ KO 12 MELDRICK TAYLOR

March 17, 1990, Las Vegas, Nevada

Urged by his corner to continue the strategy that has been so brilliantly effective, weary IBF junior welterweight king Taylor stands and trades with WBC ruler Chavez in the final round. Taylor leads on two cards by seven and five points, while Chavez leads by one point on the third. Only a knockout will save Chavez and preserve an unbeaten record that stands at an eye-popping 67-0. With just 30 seconds left, Chavez wobbles Taylor, follows him into a neutral corner, then drops him against the turnbuckle with a right-hand bomb. Taylor rises at the count of five, but offers only a slight nod when referee Richard Steele twice asks him, "Are you okay?" A concerned Steele waves the fight off at the 2:58 mark.

What if *Steele had let the fight continue? The bell would have sounded before Chavez could have connected with another punch, and after all three judges scored the 12th round 10-8 for the Mexican, Taylor would have escaped with a split decision by counts of 116-111 (Jerry Roth), 115-112 (Dave Moretti), and 112-115 (Chuck Giampa). He would have suffered a cut lip and broken cheekbone, but his psyche would have been unharmed. And he would have been hailed as the premier talent, at any weight, in his industry.*

The dramatic ending would have guaranteed a rematch within a year, and, because he had lost the first fight, Chavez would have been anxious to move up to welterweight for the sequel. As for Taylor-Chavez II: Taylor by unanimous decision.

EVANDER HOLYFIELD KO 7 BERT COOPER

November 23, 1991, Atlanta, Georgia

When Francesco Damiani pulls out, journeyman Cooper grabs his handwraps, flies to Atlanta, and agrees to serve as the patsy for Holyfield's homecoming. Cooper has, oh, a couple of things going against him: He has taken the bout on six days notice, and he's fighting a 32-1 betting choice in the favorite's hometown. Cooper goes down from a body shot in the first round, but in the third, he lands three whistling rights, and Holyfield falls into the ropes. Though the champion never touches the canvas, referee Mills Lane correctly rules a knockdown because only the ropes keep Holyfield upright. The precious seconds provided by the mandatory eight-count allow Holyfield to recover. Never troubled again, he goes on to halt Cooper with a barrage of uppercuts in the seventh round.

What if *Lane, like other referees in similar situations, would have neglected to rule Holyfield's flop into the ropes a knockdown? "Smokin' " Bert would have been on Holyfield's chest so fast that the champion would have suffered from smoke inhalation. Cooper would have continued to rain haymakers on a woozy Holyfield, forcing Lane to intervene and rescue "The Real Deal." For Cooper, a million-dollar purse for a title defense would beckon. So, too, would Johnny Carson. After a few months of living a lifestyle of the semi-rich and kinda-famous, Cooper would be destroyed in his first defense by Michael Moorer.*

After pondering retirement, Holyfield would fight on, but never regain the throne.

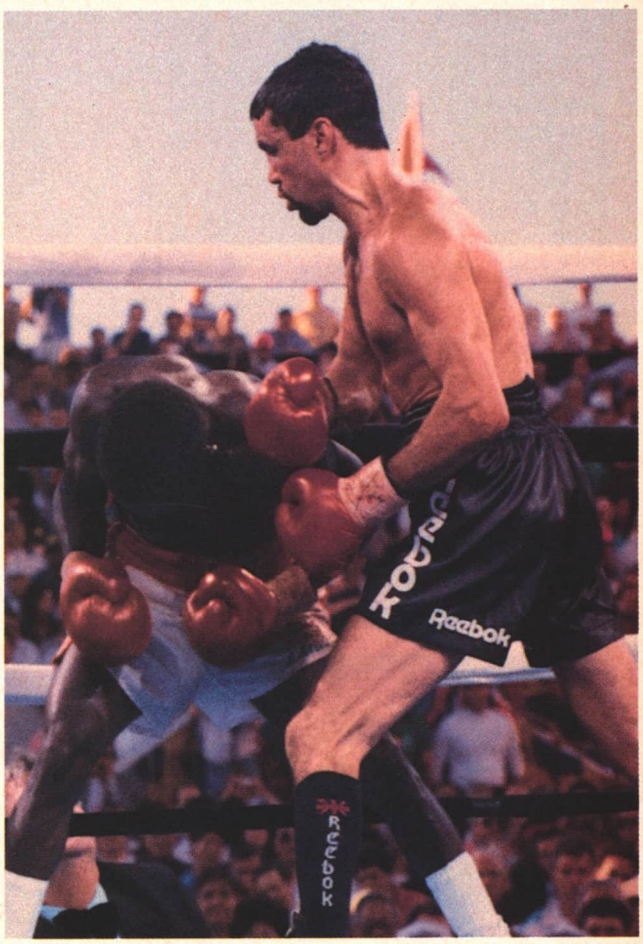
JEFF FENECH D 12 AZUMAH NELSON

June 28, 1991, Las Vegas, Nevada

Down Under—about *six feet* down under—is where Australia's Fenech would like to bury the judges scoring his challenge of WBC super featherweight king Nelson. Fenech is bidding to join Sugar Ray Leonard, Thomas Hearns, and Roberto Duran as the only fighters to win world crowns in four divisions, but he falls behind early. He swallows hooks in the first two rounds and is cut under the left eye in the third. Relying on a limitless reserve of heart and stamina, however, he works Nelson to the ropes and outpunches him for most of the remainder of the fight, then staggers him in the bout's last 20 seconds. Nelson is saved by the bell, and after the cards are tallied, Fenech bursts into tears at the announcement of a draw.

What if *the 12th round had been 30 seconds longer? Fenech would have floored Nelson, been awarded a two-point round on all three scorecards, and thus established the margin needed to emerge with a split decision victory. The Aussie would have immediately jumped to lightweight and dropped a close decision to titlist Pernell Whitaker in a try for a fifth world crown. Maintaining a lofty position in the ratings, Fenech would get another chance, knocking out Freddie Pendleton several months later to capture the IBF belt that "Sweet Pea" had vacated.*

As for the WBC 130-pound title vacated by Fenech, Nelson would regain possession faster than Don King could call Jose Sulaiman collect. ■



The True Essence Of The Man

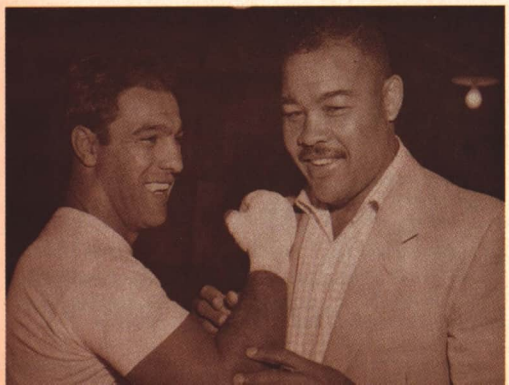
Joe Louis was in Charlotte, North Carolina, to referee a wrestling match. As soon as he walked into his hotel room, the phone rang. "Rocky Marciano was killed in a plane crash," the caller said. "He was in a light plane. It crashed in Iowa. He died instantly."

Joe was stunned. "Are you sure he was killed?" he stuttered. "Yes," was the reply. "The body is in a funeral home." Joe asked the caller to find out when and where Marciano's funeral would be. "I want to be there. Send flowers for the funeral home and also to his wife."

On Saturday, September 6, 1969, Mass was celebrated at St. Pius Church in Ft. Lauderdale, Florida, for the undefeated former heavyweight champion, who would have been 46 years old the day after his death. When Louis arrived at the church, he mingled very briefly with the other celebrities, then walked up to the closed, flower-draped casket and, to the astonishment of all who watched, leaned over and kissed it. The fact that this is the only picture taken of that touching scene, snapped by a spectator, and not the mob of press photographers on hand, proves that Joe's gesture was one of impulse and deep emotion, and certainly not for self-serving reasons.

When you remember that Marciano had ended Louis' career by brutalizing him as no one had ever brutalized him before, the human side of Joseph Louis Barrow was equal to the legend immortalized by his fists.

—Stanley Weston



Louis and Marciano remained close friends until Rocky's tragic death in 1969. Marciano never failed to appear at the numerous fundraisers to help Joe pay back taxes, a problem that hounded Louis throughout his career. And Joe always helped ballyhoo Rocky's fights, as he did when he visited Marciano's camp in 1955.

A LONG OVERDUE TRIBUTE FROM THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA... TO ONE OF HER NOBLEST SONS

By Stanley Weston
(Publisher, The Ring Magazine)

One of the special commemorative postage stamps to be issued by the United States Postal Service in the summer of 1993 will honor Joe Louis. Anticipating a record demand from collectors and fans around the world, the USPS will print 140 million copies of the beautifully executed stamp. The Louis issue will mark the first time a boxer has appeared on a United States postage stamp.

Although Louis is the first boxer to be so honored, he is not the first to be considered. In years past, John L. Sullivan and Jack Dempsey were on the list of possibilities, but neither gained the necessary support.

When I received the Postal Service advance notice about the Louis stamp, my first thought was, *It's about time they did something for Joe, to officially acknowledge his enormous contribution to the United States in so many different ways.*

Louis enlisted (he wasn't drafted) in the U.S. Army at the start of World War II. He rose from private to sergeant, and aside from all the thousands of heroes who gave their lives for their country, nobody gave more of himself, graciously, enthusiastically, as the Alabama sharecropper's son who became an inspiration to his race, the human race.

At his peak as heavyweight champion of the world, Pvt. Joe Louis twice defended the title against top challengers. One purse was donated to the U.S. Army relief fund, the other to the U.S. Navy relief fund. Not only did Joe not take a penny for himself, he paid all training expenses out of his own pocket.

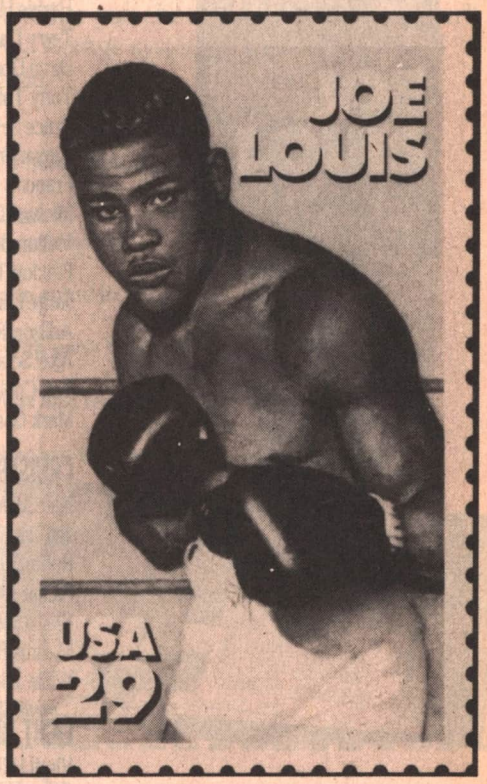
He toured every theater of war, sparring thousands of rounds before millions of Allied servicemen. Recalled his longtime friend and favorite sparring partner, George Nicholson, "Sometimes Joe was so exhausted that we had to help him into the ring. And I knew he was aching all over, but he never complained. Many times I told him he didn't have to box. 'All you gotta do is let the boys see you. Take a few questions. They'll understand. They just wanna see you.' But Joe always sparred for the boys. He wouldn't let them down."

Then there was the day when Joe visited the American Fifth Army in North Africa. He sparred six rounds with Nicholson and later took questions. The commanding general of the Fifth Army, Gen. Mark Clark, who had watched the exhibition, was shaking Joe's hand and complimenting him. The General seemed just as excited as the thousands of others who were watching this one-of-a-kind superman of whom they had heard so much about.

It was on this day that Joseph Louis Barrow, unschooled, barely able to scratch his name on a piece of paper, made a statement so simple, so sincere, that it is still quoted today. It was a statement worthy of a Churchill or a Roosevelt. As Joe stood alongside the towering general, a British war correspondent shouted, "Joe, who is going to win this war?"

Without a moment's hesitation, Louis replied, "We'll win 'cause we're right."

Finally, the United States of America is also right in paying homage to one of her noblest sons. ■



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Virgil Hill W 12 Frank Tate
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Ernie Cataluna KO 1 Juan Polo Perez

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Nana Konadu KO 1 Wilfredo Vargas
Kotaro Hayashi KO 5 Jerry Tarona

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Aquiles Guzman W 12 Yong Kang Kim
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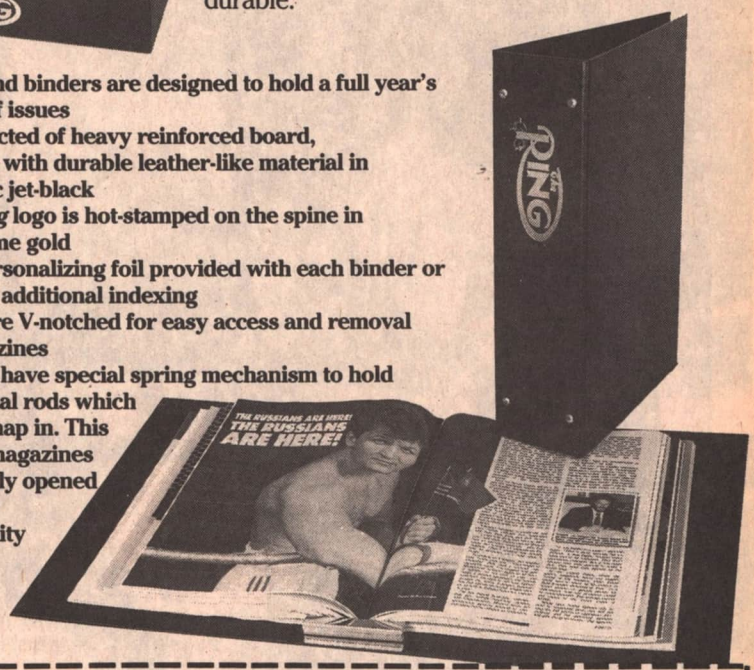

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Ringside Reports

FIGHTER OF THE MONTH

Nigel Benn

Nigel Benn may not be the best super middleweight in England, but he's conquered the world.

In October, Benn traveled to Italy and dethroned WBC 168-pound champion Mauro Galvano by fourth-round TKO. The ending was hardly ideal—Galvano was stopped by a cut. Nonetheless, Benn was in command, and seemingly en route to a comfortable victory.

Benn's two career defeats have come against countrymen Michael Watson (in 1989) and Chris Eubank (in 1990). He's fared far better against big-name Americans, like Doug DeWitt and Iran Barkley. But don't expect to see the power-puncher on this side of the Atlantic; a rematch with Eubank would thrill British fight fans, and, like all champions, Benn will head straight for the money.

Manny Melchor W 12 Phalan Lukmingkwan,

Samut Prakarn, Thailand—Unheralded Filipino Melchor weathered Lukmingkwan's early attacks, scored with counter rights, and took the IBF mini flyweight title by split decision at the Crocodile Farm.

It was a major surprise. Thailand's Lukmingkwan, a southpaw, had registered a division-record seven successful defenses. Moreover, Melchor had suffered 14 losses.

Over the first couple of rounds, the crouching champion stalked his nervous opponent. By the third, however, he began to miss with his vaunted combinations, and Melchor began to connect with counters.

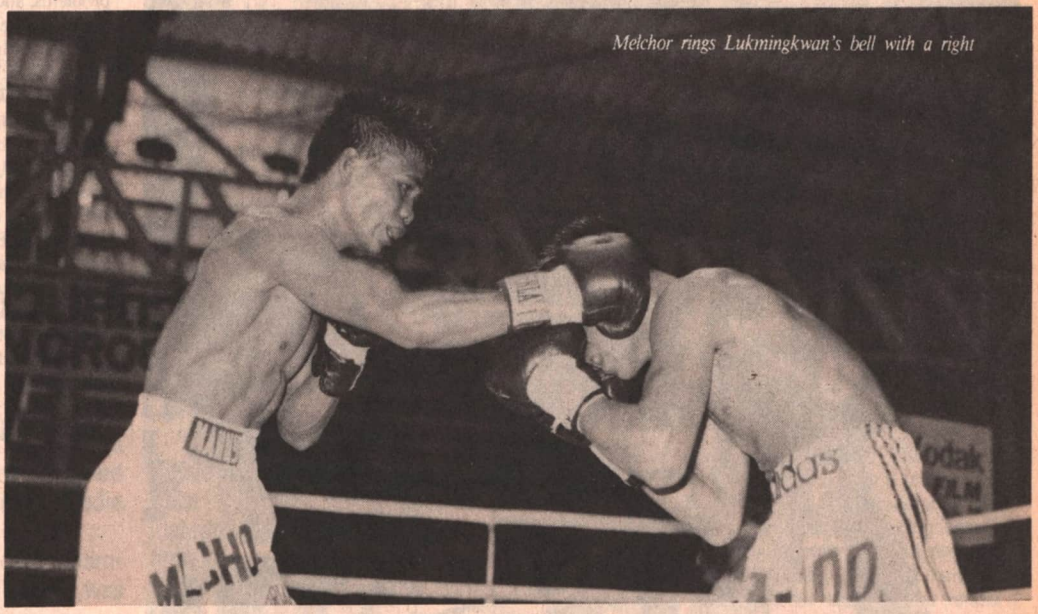
Lukmingkwan reaccelerated in the seventh, but missed far more often than he hit. It was the last round that he won. Slowing in the stretch, he simply couldn't slip Melchor's right. Melchor came forward in the 11th, and in the 12th, he opened a nasty cut on Lukmingkwan's left brow.

It seemed a very close fight. Luice Race (USA) and Alejandro Francisco (Philippines) scored 116-112 and 119-114, respectively, for Melchor, and Niphon Lanlua (Thailand) 115-114 for Lukmingkwan.

Melchor is 20-14-4 (5); Lukmingkwan 21-2-1 (9).

(9-6-92)

Joe Koizumi



Melchor rings Lukmingkwan's bell with a right

Humberto Gonzalez KO 2 Napa Kiatwanchai,

Inglewood, California—In a battle of southpaws, Mexico's "Chiquita" Gonzalez, 108, kept the WBC light flyweight title by destroying former WBC strawweight champion Kiatwanchai, 108, Bangkok, Thailand, before 5,431 fans at the Great Western Forum.

The 25-year-old Kiatwanchai opened by working his jab, but then made the mistake of trading with the harder-punching champion. He was quickly staggered by a left to the chin, and soon after, dropped by a right-left. He barely survived the round.

The slaughter continued in the second, during which Kiatwanchai fell once from a slap, and three times from legitimate punches. After the third knockdown, produced by a left, referee Vince Delgado didn't bother to issue a count. The time of the stoppage was 2:48.

Gonzalez is 34-1 (26); Kiatwanchai 15-3-1 (8).

The judges were Joan Ortega, Dick Young, and Davey Pearl (all from the USA).

While the Forum claims that Gonzalez will be matched in a unification vs. IBF champion Michael Carbajal "in December or February," he says he'll rise in weight and challenge WBC flyweight king Yuri Arbachakov.

"Carbajal does not want to fight, so I forget about him," said Chiquita.

"I'm too much for him," responded Carbajal, who was ringside. "I'm too sharp, and I have too much boxing ability. He's a strong guy, but he throws those round-arm punches, and I come right down the middle."

(9-14-92)

David Wood

Chiquita: Too strong for a straw

Against Kang Kim, Guzman fought like King Kong

Aquiles Guzman W12 Yong Kang Kim,

Pohang, South Korea—Diminutive Venezuelan Guzman, 111½, charged forward, and his aggressiveness frustrated defending WBA flyweight champion Kim, 111¼, South Korea, who lost the title by upset unanimous decision. Rated sixth, Guzman was viewed as the safest opponent in the top 10. But Kim was suffering from lumbago and weight problems, and failed to display his usual speed and agility.

Scoring: Phil Newman (USA) 116-113, Rafael Ramos (USA) 117-111, and Rodolfo Hill (Panama) 117-112.

Kim, 25-4 (11), controlled the first four rounds with his vaunted footwork. Guzman, however, did a good job of slipping the champion's jabs. From the fifth until the finish, Kim was forced to fight inside, where Guzman, 11-5-2 (5), proved superior. In the sixth, Kim was backed to the ropes, and the challenger pounded him for 30 seconds. Kim took the eighth with a series of rights, but by the finish, both his eyes were swollen, and there was little doubt concerning the outcome.

(9-26-92)

Joe Koizumi

Paul Hodkinson KO 10 Fabrice Benichou,

Blagnac, France—Defending the WBC featherweight title for the second time, Hodkinson, 125¾, Liverpool, scored a cut-induced stoppage of former IBF 122-pound champion Benichou, 126, France, in an ice skating rink in a suburb of Toulouse.

After nine rounds, Hodkinson led by scores of 87-84, 86-85, and 86-86.

Benichou's spirit kept the bout competitive. A barrage of powerpunches dropped him toward the end of the fourth, and he was hurt again in the sixth. But the reigning European champion punched back, especially in the later rounds, and seemed inspired by his enthusiastic supporters.

The free-swinging Benichou landed his share of blows. Hoko's sensitive skin held up, however, and it was the challenger who suffered critical damage. After an exchange in the 10th, Benichou showed a terrible cut on the left side of his upper lip. After a few more punches, Swiss referee Franz Marti stopped the action and escorted Benichou to a neutral corner for examination. The bout was immediately stopped. Benichou claimed that the cut had been opened by a butt. But even if it had been ruled as such, Hoko would have retained the title by technical decision.

(9-12-92)

Nigel Benn KO 4 Mauro Galvano,

Marino, Italy—Amid controversial, chaotic, and farcical circumstances, London's Benn, 167½, won the WBC super middleweight crown when Galvano, 168, Flumicino, Italy, retired after suffering a cut he claimed was inflicted by a butt.

Had Galvano's claim received the support of referee Joe Cortez, the bout would have been declared a technical draw. But Cortez ruled that the cut, a nick on Galvano's left brow, was opened by a punch. Ten minutes of confusion preceded the final decision.

It was clear from the outset that apart from employing desperate evasive tactics, the 28-year-old Galvano, 21-2-2 (4), had no answer for Benn's power. The challenger stalked his opponent, hammering home a number of solid rights. In the second round, one of those rights opened the cut. It worsened in the third, but seemingly did not threaten the continuation of the bout. Galvano's corner recognized this, and at the bell ending round three, contrived to salvage the contest with their claim of foul.

It was Galvano's fourth defense. The judges were Daniel Van de Wiele, Armand Krief, and Chuck Giampa.

Afterward, Benn, 29-2 (27), described himself as feeling "over the moon." He immediately challenged countryman and WBO champion Chris Eubank, who attended the fight.

"Now we can do business," he said. Eubank, who stopped Benn after nine compelling rounds in 1990, answered, "Yeah, let's do it." Expect the rematch in an outdoor London venue next summer.

(10-3-92)

Brian Doogan ■

Junior Jones

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The belief has always been that a bantamweight can't be cultivated properly in a place like New York City. There aren't enough opponents for matchmakers to choose from, and it can get expensive flying in a bantamweight every six weeks.

But Jones insists that if you can *really* fight, it doesn't matter what coast you're based on. And Jones *can* really fight. Outside of a one-bout excursion to Kansas, he has fought exclusively in the Northeast, and has sent every imported 118-pounder who's dared to cross a time zone back home with a loss.

Some pretty good fighters have made the trek east. Jones decisioned former IBF flyweight champion Rolando Bohol in October 1991, and two months later stopped Dio Andujar to win the vacant USBA title. (Three months earlier, Andujar had knocked out future WBA champion Eddie Cook.)

"That's when I really started blooming," said Jones. "I knew Andujar was tough. He knocked out Cook, so he gave me a lot to think about."

Jones opened the Andujar fight in typically aggressive fashion, spearing the veteran with jabs and right hands. But Andujar changed from an orthodox stance to southpaw in round five, which swung the momentum. A right hook opened a cut along Jones' left eyebrow, and for the first time in his pro career, the Brooklyn prodigy was in danger.

"The Andujar fight answered some questions about Junior," said his trainer, Joe Fariello. "I think Junior really came of age in the Alejandro Sanabria fight [in June 1991]. The Andujar fight just confirmed it."

Jones' ninth-round TKO of Andujar solidified him as a major title threat. And while Poison has been poised to dethrone a champion for the past year, securing a title fight hasn't been easy. Jones was promised a shot at WBC champion Greg Richardson in 1991, but Richardson was stopped by Joichiro Tatsuyoshi.

After the Andujar fight, Top Rank offered Jones a shot at WBA champion Israel Contreras, but after thrashing Andujar, Jones wound up hospitalized with a serious infection in his right hand. Rather than jeopardize Jones against a champion, Fariello and manager Gary Gittelsohn passed on the opportunity. Top Rank inserted Cook, who knocked out Contreras. Jones claims he was promised the winner. The Las Vegas-based Cook, however, was not anxious to fight his East Coast rival. As it turned out, he lost his title on a decision to Eliecer Julio in October.

"We were promised the winner of the Cook-Contreras fight," said Gittelsohn. "If we thought it was a one-time shot, where Junior would never get the opportunity to fight Cook or Contreras, we may have had the doctor make a re-evaluation. But even then I think it would have been in Junior's worst interest. The next thing I know, they wouldn't deliver the fight. Before I made any deals with anyone else, I gave Top Rank four months to make the fight."

Top Rank matchmaker Ron Katz maintains that the Jones camp "wanted its cake and eat it, too."

"They fought Diego Avila nine days *before* Cook fought Contreras," said Katz. "There's no grudge here, they just didn't think the kid was ready to fight Contreras. Then Cook didn't want to fight Jones; I'm not gonna deny that."

His inability to get Cook in the ring led to Jones' departure from Top Rank and his return to Madison Square Garden Boxing, with whom he turned pro in 1989. It's rare when a valued commodity such as Jones changes promoters, but Jones has done it twice. And he's changed managers, too.

After winning two New York Golden Gloves titles, Jones ended his amateur career with a record of 150-9 and turned pro under New York-based manager Wayne Cook. But Cook ran into legal problems and sold Jones' contract to Gittelsohn for $20,000. (In August, Cook pleaded guilty to one count of grand larceny and one count of a scheme to defraud. The matters were not boxing related.)

"With Gary, I have no problems," said Jones. "There's a great deal of friendship and trust. I'm very comfortable with him."

"I knew Junior was a great talent," said Gittelsohn. "I was very close with Joe [Fariello], and he would routinely talk about Junior. I lived vicariously through Joe before I finally got to know Junior. When Wayne had his problems, Junior felt it was natural to go with

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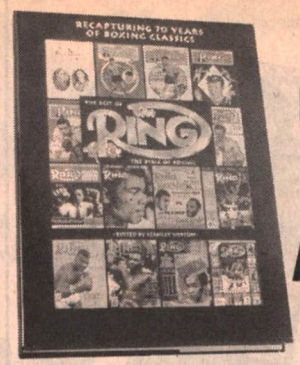

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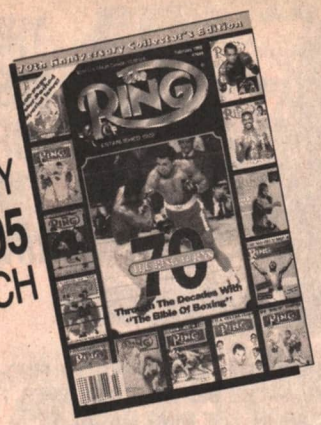

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Junior Jones

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me. Wayne was agreeable to the deal because it was what Junior wanted."

Jones' final fight with Top Rank was against Avila in March. Coming into his bout with Jones, the rugged journeyman had lost six straight fights. In dropping consecutive decisions to Fernie Morales, Jesse Benavides, Tony Wilson, Jemal Hinton, Cook, and Jesus Salud, Avila had sampled the best of the bantamweight and junior featherweight divisions. The fights with Wilson, Hinton, and Cook went 12 rounds.

Jones accomplished what the others couldn't when he stopped Avila in five rounds.

"When I knocked him out," said Jones, "I showed myself that I was a better puncher than guys in the heavier divisions."

It seems impossible for someone so skinny to be so strong. A dynamic one-punch knockout artist Jones is not, but his punches have a nasty cumulative effect. His attack is so steady and so fierce that few foes have been able to withstand it.

"Every 10 or 20 years a freak of nature comes along," said Fariello. "A guy like Bob Foster, a Thomas Hearns, or a Mark Breland. They look like a strong wind will blow them over. I think Junior is like them. He's such a stiff puncher. His opponents really don't believe he's that destructive until they fight him."

At 5'8", the reed-thin Jones *is* a freak of nature. He has been making 118 pounds since the age of 15, but there is plenty of room for growth. His torso begins with a 28-inch waist and juts out to a pair of round, muscular shoulders.

"I believe that Junior will comfortably fill out to be a lightweight," said Gittelsohn. "I liken him to Thomas Hearns. He could be a three- or four-division champion. So far, Junior's lived up to every expectation, and he continues to reach new heights."

At the Garden's Paramount in September, Jones TKO'd former USBA champion and world title challenger Eddie Rangel. The Texan was floored twice and was never close to being in the fight. He succumbed 14 seconds into round seven, when referee Arthur Mercante Jr. mercifully stopped the contest.

"I think Rangel is my biggest win," said Jones. "He was a big name at one time. I beat him worse than any other fighter beat him. From what I heard, there were people who thought he could beat me."

The Rangel victory came on an evening during which fellow Garden contenders Glenwood Brown and Juan Negron were upset. It's been a particularly scary period for MSG, which also saw Ricardo Cepeda, the WBC's number-one ranked featherweight, kayoed in March. But in Jones, there is little doubt the Garden has a streaking future champion.

Poison is ranked first by the IBF, second by the WBA, and second by the WBC. He should soon become the top man in the WBA; Julio had previously been ranked first, and Jones should slide into his spot. It all seems like a natural progression for a kid who was called a future Hall of Famer when he was just 2-0. Even the honest Fariello, who has criticized his own fighters in the past, has heaped lavish praise on the bantamweight. After Jones' ninth fight, he said it was "a foregone conclusion" that Poison would be a champion.

"Everything has happened so quickly," said Jones. "And the opponents I had weren't easy guys. I had to prove myself right away. Being what people were saying, I had to prove I was the guy people were talking about."

There are few boxing insiders who haven't been impressed. Even the usually acerbic Katz remains a fan.

"I hope he gets a title fight because he'll win," the matchmaker said. "He would have definitely knocked out Contreras, and I think he has a helluva shot against [IBF champion] Orlando Canizales."

"I love him," said Kevin Monaghan, the boxing coordinator for NBC. "The kid has the entire package."

Monaghan wanted to televise Jones against WBC champion Victor Rabanales but didn't have an available date until next March. "I couldn't expect Junior to wait that long for a title fight," he said. "It wouldn't be fair."

As we went to press, The Garden was instead hoping to make the Jones-Rabanales match for November 10 in Cancun, Mexico. If that does not materialize, Gittelsohn will target WBA king Julio. The one glaring absence from the hit list is IBF champion Canizales. The Texan is considered to be the best

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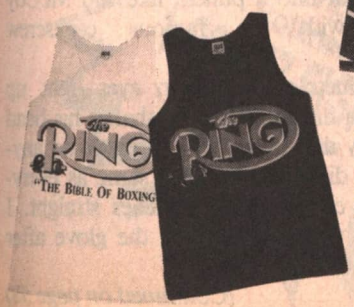

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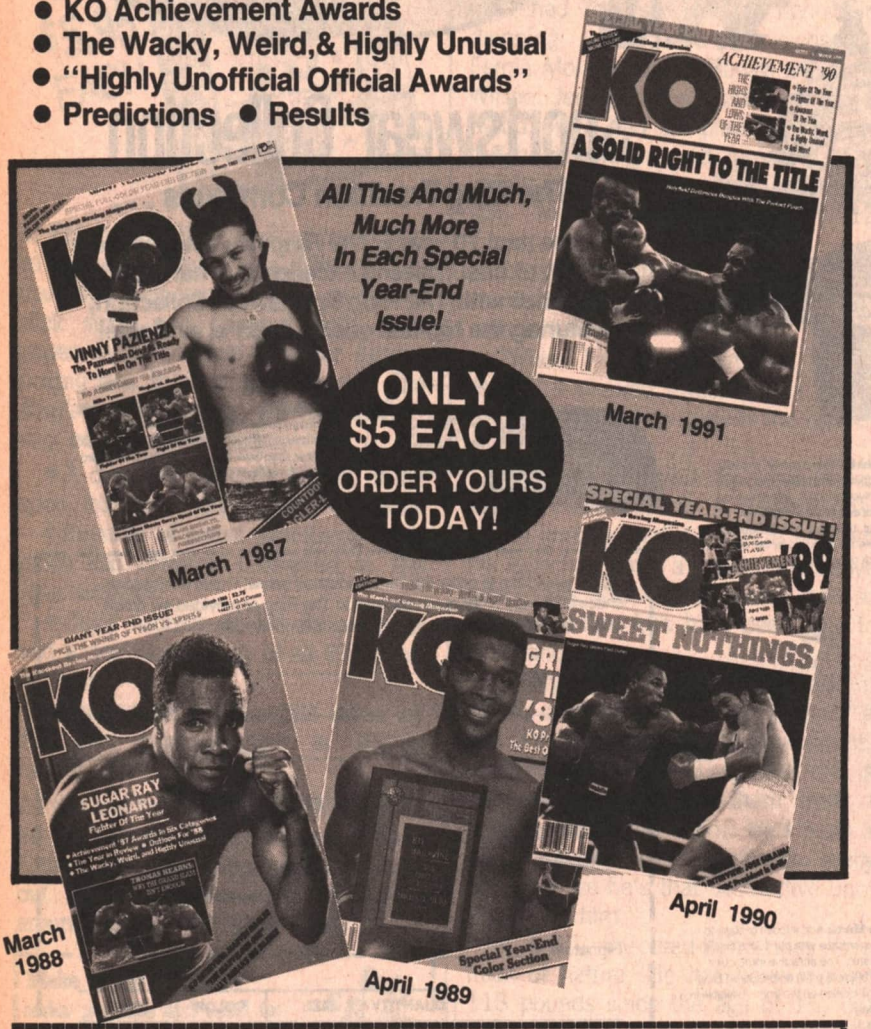

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Junior Jones

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bantamweight in the world, and his omission from Jones' immediate future is even more conspicuous when you consider that Jones is Canizales' mandatory challenger.

"You get to a stage in your career, where I am now, when it really doesn't matter who you fight," said Jones. "If you can't beat the guys you have to fight for the title, you might as well get a day job. If you left it up to me, I'd fight Canizales tomorrow. But my manager says that if he comes to the table with a belt and I come to the table with a belt, the fight will be worth a lot more money."

"For business reasons it doesn't make sense to fight him now," said Fariello. "I think Canizales is one of the top five or six fighters in the world, pound for pound. But when he fights Junior, he's going to deal with problems he's never dealt with before."

Until Jones can get a world champion in the ring, he will have to wait patiently for the opportunity to unleash his poison. Patience may be a virtue, but Jones' is beginning to wear.

"It's frustrating because I want a title," he said. "But I really don't set my hopes high. I feel like I've been a victim of bad luck. For me to set my heart on Rabanales, I'd be counting my chickens before they hatch. It will surprise me if I get it and it won't surprise me if I don't."

It will surprise even more people if he gets it and doesn't win it.■

Orlando Zulueta

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"But how did you do it, Orlando? They said you had knives in your gloves. Of course that's absurd. But did you have some kind of secret twist you put into a punch, like Kid McCoy did with his famous corkscrew punch?"

Zulueta's big brown eyes light up for an instant. Then he shakes his head slowly and says, "No, I didn't do anything different. Just the same as everybody else. I threw punches straight. I never twisted or turned the glove after it landed."

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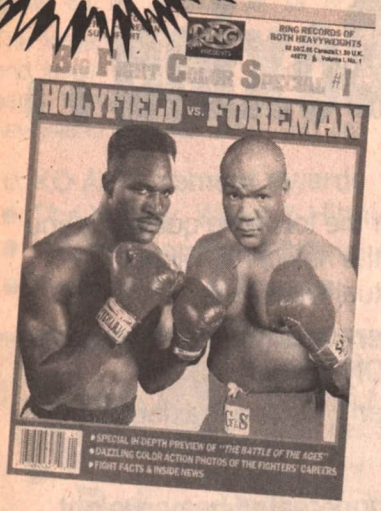

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Orlando Zulueta

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There is a pause. Then he adds a thought, as if he feels he hasn't said enough in explaining why the vision of all those bloodied faces seems to flicker around the room.

"Maybe it is because I wanted to win so bad," he said. "Maybe. I do not know. But when I cut a man on the eye, I didn't stop hitting the eye just because it was bleeding. I kept hitting at it all the time. I wanted to win, better on a TKO than on a decision. If I cut him around the mouth, I went for the mouth. I cut Joey Lopes, I think it was Lopes, on the head. So I kept hitting him on the head."

Zulueta was a real pro. He went to Italy, England, Argentina, and half-a-hundred other places to fight. He made a lot of money, and he lived big. He was the kind of fighter a manager could throw in with any opponent, no matter how much of a murderer the other guy was supposed to be, because Orlando was too smart to get hurt, and he could compete with anybody within 10 pounds of his weight.

He got the photography bug while he was still fighting main events at the Garden, and he took as much delight in snapping prize-winning photographs as he did in operating on a ring foe. One of his color pictures was good enough to appear on the cover of *Boxing Illustrated,* and he shot a big spread on Luis Firpo in Argentina, which was also published in *BI.*

Champions and former champions felt the razor-like edges of Orlando's left, among them Jimmy Carter and Joe Brown. Zulueta fought Paddy DeMarco three times before the Brooklyn mauler captured the lightweight title. Each fight was a brawl, with Orlando winning two of three.

It was in their third bout that Zulueta inflicted the most damage. Blunting Paddy's bull-like rushes, he opened a cut over DeMarco's left eye in the third, sliced his right cheek in the sixth, and in the blistering ninth, reopened the gash over Paddy's eye.

After his drubbing of DeMarco, Zulueta clamored for a shot at lightweight king Carter. But the champion had other plans. (Those plans fizzled when he lost to DeMarco.)

Breaks like this haunted Zulueta throughout his career. His one burning ambition was to win the lightweight title and go back home to Havana. He kept dreaming of the reception he would get: "The people will crowd the streets, and the little girls will throw flowers at me."

But his dream was just that, and, as his title hopes failed to materialize, Zulueta found solace in photography.

His big regret was that he couldn't take pictures of his own fights, showing that deadly left in action. He would have been proud of such a collection, for among the men he defeated were top lightweights like Bud Smith, Arthur Persley, Percy Bassett, and Don Jordan.

There were other top-liners who had beaten him, fighters like Kenny Lane, Cisco Andrade, Duilio Loi, Johnny Busso, and Len Matthews, but each felt the impact of his slashing left.

Zulueta got a kick out of slicing up men who had beaten him. In May 1954, he atoned for a pair of 1950 pastings by Bassett. Their third fight was a drab contest—except for that famed left. In the fifth round, Orlando stabbed Bassett's right eye and kept sticking at it until it was closed shut.

Brown was the only man who ever knocked out Zulueta. In a June 1957 title bout in Denver, it took him 15 rounds to accomplish that feat. Until the 13th round, it seemed anyone's fight, though Brown was ahead on all cards. Then the champion looped a left uppercut and a right cross, and down went the astonished Cuban. Orlando staggered up at the count of nine and weathered the assault, but in the 15th he was tagged for another nine-count, and the bout was stopped with only 21 seconds to go.

Zulueta was outraged. "I felt fine," he protested. "My head was clear. I wasn't a bit dizzy. Why did they have to stop it?" He complained that a split-second before Brown slugged him, "something was in my eye, and I had to wink."

Zulueta never recovered from that defeat. Not physically, but mentally. After long years of campaigning, he had finally secured a crack at the title, and visions of a triumphant Havana reception danced in his brain. Now the dream was ended for good. He was almost in tears when he returned from Denver.

"I was coming back strong," he said. "Then he got to me with those lucky punches. I could have beaten him. I'm sure of that."

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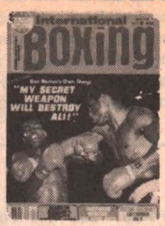

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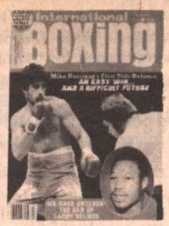

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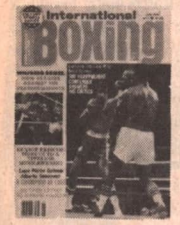

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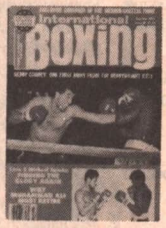

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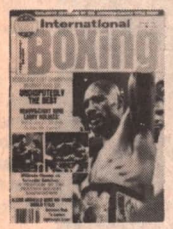

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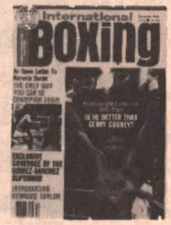

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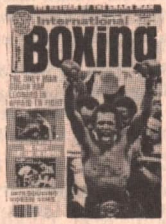

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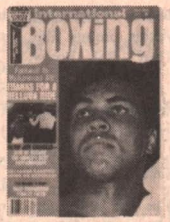

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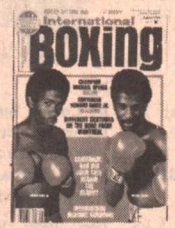

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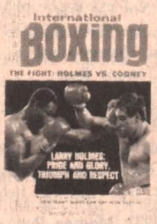

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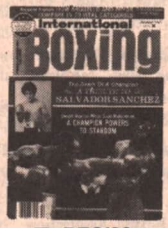

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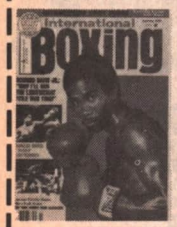

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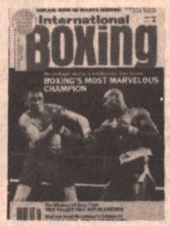

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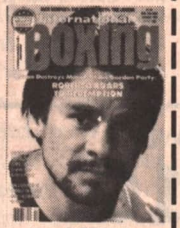

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Orlando Zulueta

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He was a crushed man. He continued to slice and chop up opponents with that lethal left, but the fire was gone.

To those who saw him in his prime, Zulueta had the most wicked jab of them all. There may not have been any real knives in his gloves, but from the damage they inflicted, you really couldn't tell the difference. ■

Virgil Hill

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second breaks were all Lewis allowed. And when Lewis told Hill to do something, the fighter listened intently and did as he was told.

"I don't want to put this wrong," Hill said, "but maybe Johnny is a better teacher than Freddie because he sits me down, breaks down what we're going to work on, then leans over and says, *'We have got to do this to be successful.'* "

What has also inspired Hill's fresh outlook have been the fighters at the Sydney gym. Everyone from Fenech to the local four-round boxers is willing to share his knowledge, something Hill says he never experienced in Las Vegas, where he trained with Roach. It is that sense of camaraderie that Hill likes best.

And so, beginning in December '91, Hill reconstructed his career. His first fight under Lewis came in March, a unanimous decision over Aundrey Nelson on the undercard of Fenech-Azumah Nelson II. Hill controlled the fight at long range, thumping Nelson with jabs. Five weeks later, he returned to Bismarck and knocked out one-time contender Lotte Mwale in four rounds.

Hill's confidence eventually returned, but he wasn't able to forget the scathing criticism he endured in America, particularly the calls for him to retire.

"All I heard after my *one loss* was that I was all washed up, that I would never fight again," he said. "But I only lost to one person, Thomas Hearns. A legend! Why would I retire?"

The outrage that festered in his gut

was never more evident than the night he fought Tate, his gold medal-winning teammate on the 1984 Olympic team. With thousands of hometown fans cheering, Hill, who has been labeled a dull fighter for most of his career, turned what could have been a boring fight into an interesting encounter. Thanks to Lewis.

From the outset, Hill, 33-1 (19), struck an aggressive pose and forced the fight, lancing Tate with jabs and hooks. And while Hill didn't throw many more rights than he had in past fights, he certainly was active, particularly in round three, when his flurries forced Tate to the ropes. Tate countered with a right that landed squarely on Hill's face. Hill lost his mouthpiece, but instead of dancing away to stay out of trouble, he stepped up the attack, cutting Tate over the right eye with a hook.

"I tried to press the fight," Hill said. "But when Frank got cut early, that might have put him at a psychological disadvantage."

The stronger of the two, Hill attacked Tate, 30-3 (17), as he'd never attacked an opponent before. The notorious counterpuncher consistently beat Tate to the punch. And, as if to send a message to future opponents, as well as his fans and critics, Hill got unnecessarily rough. During round four, he twice drove his elbow into Tate's mouth, and in round nine, he grabbed Tate around the head and pelted his unprotected face with uppercuts.

Tate, a former IBF middleweight champion, rallied for a spell in round 11, when he landed a right uppercut to Hill's chin.

"I threw a lazy jab and Frank countered it," explained Hill.

The force of the blow cracked a lower left molar and nearly dropped the hometown hero.

"I was pissed off that I didn't see the punch coming," Hill said. "It was a dumb-ass shot and he caught me."

Hill took a step back, dropped his right shoulder, and looked as if he were about to fall. Strangely, Tate backed off, and Hill was able to maintain his balance.

Hill wore an expression of grim determination throughout the fight, and he promises he'll be on the attack in future fights, whether he faces 175-pounders or bigger foes. He also said that he'd like to move up to cruiserweight if he can't get a title unification

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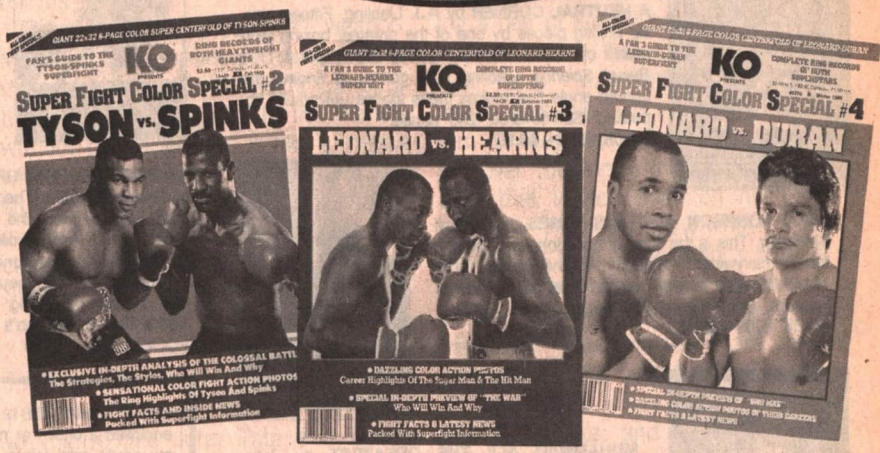

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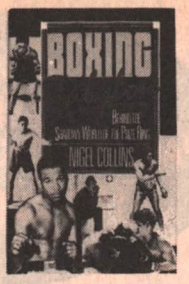

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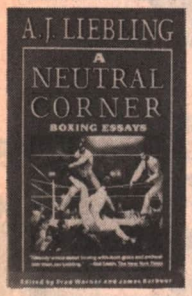

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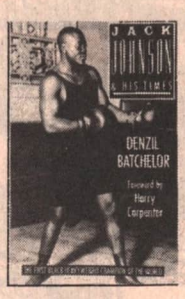

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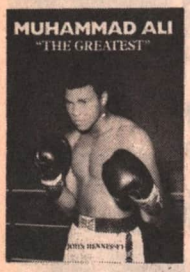

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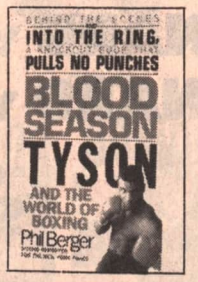

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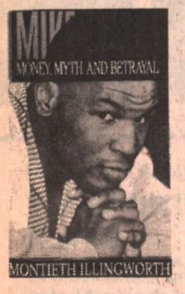

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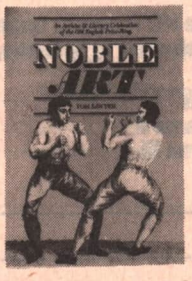

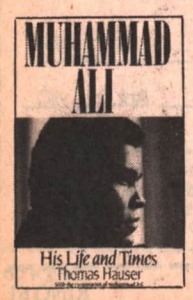

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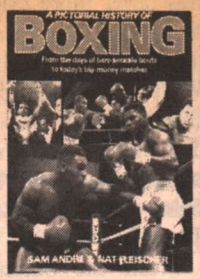

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Virgil Hill

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fight with WBC light heavyweight champion Jeff Harding in Australia. (Harding was formerly trained by Lewis.) Hill's choice of cruisers is WBA champion Bobby Czyz.

"My people are already talking with Czyz," said Hill, who, during his first reign, outpointed Czyz in March 1989. "And if we can make the fight, it'll stir up a lot of interest in North Dakota. People up here love Bobby, and together we'd be a big, big draw."

But that's in the future, and Hill is having too much fun enjoying the present.

"In looking back," he said, "I took so much of my career for granted. I'm taking nothing for granted anymore."

Of that he is certain. ■

Roger Mayweather

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Besides a significant match with a name opponent, the only fight that interests Mayweather is a rematch with Avendano. The idea of going out a loser irks him, particularly when the defeat came at the hands of a young upstart he claims to have taken lightly.

"I've got to have this guy again, then I can sleep easy," Mayweather insists. "I made the fight hard for myself. I didn't get up mentally for Avendano and didn't train the way I normally do for a big fight. Of course, I thought I was going to beat him anyway, thought I could intimidate him. But he's a young kid, and the Mexican crowd was on his side. I've got to give him credit, he came to fight. But I know I would beat him easily the next time."

Avenging the decision loss to Avendano wouldn't put Mayweather back on top. At best, it would only delay the inevitable until another young stud came along to hammer home the message. Mayweather's championship days are over, and he realizes the truth.

"I know I can't beat Father Time," he said. "I've been basically a one-handed fighter the past few years. Lately, I haven't been putting anybody down with my right; most of the snap has gone. I've had to resort to skill."

Resort to skill? Perish the thought. Remember the way Mayweather used to throw that sweet right hand? It lashed out like a buggy whip and landed with enough snap, crackle, and pop to carry him to two world titles. That was before he blew out a pair of tendons against Idelmar Paisan in 1990. The injury pretty much sapped the venom out of the "Black Mamba's" bite and undoubtedly shaved a few years off his career.

Since losing his biggest weapon, Mayweather has managed to sneak by most of his opponents with a combination of guile and guts. But the Mamba without his lethal right is like a missile without a warhead: It still scares the stuffing out of people, but the impact is minimal. There was a time, of course, when few could sample his Sunday punch without having their circuits scrambled.

"I was inspired watching the great Teofilo Stevenson," recalled Mayweather. "I loved how he did away with guys like John Tate and Duane Bobick with just one punch. I began to wonder if I could learn to take guys out like he did. I practiced my right over and over, and thought about it so much I started dreaming about it."

Mayweather's dream became a reality in only his 15th pro fight, when he starched slippery Samuel Serrano in the eighth round to win the WBA junior lightweight title in January 1983. Puerto Rico's Serrano, a two-time titleholder at 130 pounds, had made 14 successful defenses during his reigns, and was fighting on his home turf. But that didn't mean squat to his brash challenger.

"I was only 21 when I beat Serrano and didn't really realize what it meant to be a champion; at the time it was just another fight to me," recalled Mayweather, 35 fights and almost 10 years after the fact. "Being young, I was confident I was going to beat him. Fighting in his country didn't bother me because good fighters always go into the lion's den, and I've always been a warrior.

"The punch I hit him with was just the way I'd dreamed it would be from the beginning. I'd landed that right hand so many times before in my dreams, it was kind of like deja vu when it finally happened."

Mayweather was clearly enamored of his ability to render opponents senseless with one swing. There is still an excitement in his voice when he talks about the luxury a knockout punch affords a fighter: "Man, being able to punch the way I used to is great. It means you've got an equalizer, you've always got a chance to win regardless of what's happening."

Those who live by the bomb frequently perish by it. So it was in February 1984, when Mayweather made the third defense of his belt, against Rocky Lockridge in Beaumont, Texas. Mayweather was so cock-sure of himself that he strutted into the ring wearing a pair of sunglasses. Less than two minutes after the opening bell, the fight—and Mayweather's first title reign—was over. Lockridge had beaten him on Mayweather's own terms, coming over the top with a howitzer of a right that landed flush on his prominent jaw. He never knew what hit him.

The loss was Mayweather's first as a pro and launched him on the wild rollercoaster ride that has characterized his career. The next few years brought impressive wins over Kenny Baysmore (for the USBA junior lightweight title), Mario Martinez, and Sammy Fuentes, and disheartening losses to Freddy Pendleton, Pernell Whitaker, and Julio Cesar Chavez.

Along the way, Mayweather established a reputation as boxing's "Mexican killer," bowling over numerous Nationals and Chicanos, often in bouts held before unfriendly crowds at the Great Western Forum in Inglewood or the L.A. Sports Arena. Like everyone else, the one Mexican he couldn't get past was Chavez. Twice Mayweather went into the crucible with Chavez, and twice he emerged a tangled wreck.

Their first encounter, held in July 1985 for Chavez' WBC super featherweight title, came to an abrupt halt in the second round when Chavez devastated Mayweather with a withering barrage of combinations. Though it was an

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uncompromising shellacking, Mayweather managed to drill Chavez with a whistling right in the first round.

"It wasn't as easy as it looked to the fans," the normally impervious Chavez told reporters afterward. "The first right hand Mayweather threw stunned me a little, but I was more surprised than hurt."

"People came to me after both Chavez fights and said Chavez had told them Roger hit him so hard a couple of times he didn't know where he was," confirmed Billy Baxter, Mayweather's long-time manager.

Ever the good soldier, Mayweather undauntingly plugged on and was finally rewarded for his diligence with a November 1987 match against yet another Mexican, Rene Arredondo, for the WBC super lightweight title. The champion was a favorite with the California fans and expected to make Mayweather pay for all the indignities he had heaped upon Arredondo's countrymen. But Mayweather spoiled the party, whacking Arredondo into a sixth-round stupor with another chilling display of right-hand powerpunching.

"I knew all I had to do when I fought Arredondo was keep the fight flowing with my jab and stop him from hitting me early," explained Mayweather. "The fans were unhappy with the way things were going, and when he got brave, I hit him with my right and down he went. He got up, but was right there to be hit, so I hit him again and he went out."

The ugly crowd at the Sports Arena was far from pleased by the way Mayweather had turned another hero into his personal pinata. But even the shower of beer and verbal abuse that rained down on the new champion during his journey back to his dressing room didn't dampen his elation.

"The second time the championship meant something to me," he said. "I was older, more mature, and I understood what being a champion was all about; the prestige, the people you meet, the places you go. I really enjoyed myself."

Part of the fun came from a series of successful and fairly lucrative defenses over Mauricio Aceves, Gato Gonzalez (two more Mexicans), Harold Brazier, and Vinny Pazienza. Mayweather was fighting as well, if not better, than at any time in his career, blending once-neglected boxing savvy with his deadly punching power.

The Pazienza win, in November 1988, was especially pleasing. Mayweather had been feuding with Paz' manager, Lou Duva, since losing to Pernell Whitaker in a rugged brawl the year before. After thoroughly outclassing Pazienza to retain the title, he had the additional satisfaction of also scoring a one-punch kayo over Vinny's pugnacious manager. It was one of those marvelously surreal moments only boxing can provide.

"Duva had been on me about hitting Pazienza after the bell," explained Mayweather. "When the fight was over, I looked up and all I could see was Duva charging at me. I could have just walked away, but I thought, *Why should I run from a guy twice as old as me? Let him get what's coming to him.*"

What Duva had coming was one of Mayweather's patented right hands. Captain Lou went down in a heap, suffering a cut cheek and a very public humiliation in the process. The bulldog-like manager still does a lot of snarling in defense of his stable, but the incident seems to have added a note of caution to his histrionics.

Mayweather's string of successful defenses led to a May 1989 rematch with Chavez, who was moving up after a brief stay as the 135-pound champion. Once again the brilliant Mexican had too much of everything, and Mayweather conceded the title on his stool after 10 punishing rounds. Some, including his trainer, Jesse Reid, accused Mayweather of quitting, but none of them had been in the ring with Chavez.

"I still say Chavez is slow and can be hit," maintains Mayweather. "But damn, that man can take a punch. And back then, I could still really bang. I struggled to make weight the first time I fought him, and the second time I came in too light and ended up going into the ring on an empty stomach."

Though fighting in the shadow of Chavez has obviously hurt Mayweather's stature, there were other factors that hastened his decline. Two fights after his second loss to Chavez, he injured his hand beating Paisan and hasn't been the same fighter since. Nevertheless, another victory run, including a fine win over perennial contender Terrence Alli, earned him a bout last December with Rafael Pineda for the vacant IBF junior welterweight title. But Mayweather, just a shell, was knocked cold by a single hook in the ninth round.

In August, he briefly bounced back with a second-round kayo of Pedro De La Cruz, but the downward spiral continued with the loss to Avendano. For those who saw Mayweather, 41-8 (26) in his prime, there's no question he should call it a career.

"I've encouraged Roger to retire," said Baxter. "He's had a lot of tough fights, there's been a lot of wear and tear. I don't want to see him become an opponent. Now is the time for him to bow out. Roger's a pretty smart guy and I think he'll make a darn good trainer. He's always been a good tactician, always known a lot about technique. He helped train [former junior bantamweight contender] Kid Akeem, showed him how to throw the right hand."

Baxter, a professional gambler who dabbles in boxing, has enough confidence in Mayweather's expertise to place his latest prospect, 1992 Olympian Vernon Forrest, in the Mamba's hands. It's a project the former champion accepted with great enthusiasm.

"By 1995, maybe before, Vernon Forrest will be champion of the world at 140 pounds, and not too long after that, champion at 147 pounds," said Mayweather, who is also working with established pro Rodney Wilson and novice Robert Jenkins.

"I like to work with new talent. My job is to be a teacher. I'm not like Angelo Dundee, coming in the day before the fight and telling guys how wonderful they are. I'm there from day one. A lot of boxers try to become trainers after they retire from the ring. But I'm not one of those cases. I've been working with fighters for a long time. Boxing is a tradition in my family."

Even though Mayweather seems perfectly positioned for a natural segue from boxer to trainer, don't be surprised if he fights again. Money isn't the motivation at this point. While he never made it into the same tax bracket as Chavez, Mayweather earned plenty over the years. It's just that the familiar itch still needs scratching.

"If I'm gonna fight again, it's got to be somebody who means something," he said. "But I'm not going to sit around until I'm 35. If it don't come this year, 1993 at the latest, it ain't

coming, and I'll quit for good."

It's going to be strange seeing Mayweather in the corner wearing rubber gloves instead of padded ones. He's been good for the sport, had his share of glory, and will be fondly remembered by all who enjoy the sudden, sometimes beautiful violence only a knockout artist of his caliber can produce.

On the other hand, if a Main Events fighter is in the other corner and Lou Duva gets a bit too feisty, an unscheduled rematch is always a possibility.

Nigel Collins is a former editor-in-chief of The Ring. ■

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tler after his fighting days ended. Somewhat eccentric from punches he had absorbed, the King became a traveling tie salesman whose selling methods were a bit primitive and forceful. Baseball's Ralph Kiner can attest to that. One day when Kiner's team was training in Miami, Levinsky wandered into a bar where the Pirates slugger and some other players were relaxing.

"Levinsky came into the bar with his ties and backed me up against the wall with his sales pitch," Kiner recalls. "The ties were $3.50 apiece, so I picked out one and gave him a $10 bill. Instead of giving me change, Levinsky handed me two more ties and shuffled out."

Obviously, the Kingfish had learned well from his painful exposure to the canny wiles of boxing promoters and managers.

Like many fighters, Levinsky squandered his earnings on fast women and slow horses and wound up with nothing to show for his bruises.

"Levinsky was a tough, courageous fighter," Ben Bentley recalls. A veteran of decades in the fight game as ring announcer and publicist, Bentley has seen hundreds of fighters come and go. What he doesn't know about boxing isn't worth knowing.

"It was different in those days," Bentley asserts. "In Chicago, Marigold Gardens ran fights every Monday and sold out. There were frequent fight shows in Rainbo Arena, the Coliseum, the Armory, Chicago Stadium, the Amphitheatre. Marigold held 2,200 people, Rainbo maybe 1,500, and it would be packed for boxing shows. White City Arena was very big for fights at one time.

"Tobacco smoke was so thick you could barely see the other side of the arena. At Marigold, gamblers used to bet on the fights. Sometimes they would pick a corner, or even bet on the color of a fighter's trunks."

In the '30s and early-'40s, boxers trained in George Trafton's gym on Randolph Street. In a haze of cigar smoke, fight figures cut deals, bought and sold fighters' contracts, and promoted bouts. Top-ranked boxers from all over the world honed their skills in the unsanitary atmosphere.

Trafton was a former center for the Bears, and his boxing expertise was limited to a four-round bout with Art Shires, a White Sox first baseman. The two men fought, if you can call it that, in White City Arena. Obviously out of shape, Trafton and Shires spent most of the bout gasping for breath while seasoned fight fans covered their eyes. Baseball Commissioner Kenesaw Mountain Landis told Shires to stick to baseball, to the relief of respectable boxing people everywhere.

Two brothers, Danny and Sammy Spunt, boasted the largest stable of fighters in the Midwest. Boxers of all weights, heights, and sizes were available for appearances on a few minutes notice in Des Moines, Minneapolis, Indianapolis, or anywhere else that could be reached by bus or train. Spunt's fighters were always busy. In the early-'40s, one of Danny Spunt's boxers, Tito Taylor, fought nearly 50 times in one year. Today, most fighter won't fight that many times in a career.

And not all of the fights were in the ring. In 1942, the always outspoken Trafton made a number of uncomplimentary remarks about Danny and his battlers. Spunt became so incensed at the aspersions cast on his professional talents that he pulled his fighters out of Trafton's facility, opened his own gym on Madison Street, and put George out of business.

As one fight manager observed, "The first year you're in boxing for the money; after that, it's to get even."

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Through the years Chicago provided the backdrop for many stirring bouts, as well as the sometimes cloudy build-up of a contender. Remember Chuck Davey? He scored a number of important victories in Chicago on his way to a painwracked Stadium meeting with

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Gerardo Gonzalez in 1953. That might have been okay except Gerardo Gonzalez was the real name of Kid Gavilan, a seasoned, skilled fighter who held the welterweight title.

"Ain't no college boy gonna beat the Keed," Gavilan said with a sneer. He was absolutely right. A number of Davey's victims had appeared anxious to ensure his success and did everything but hit themselves on the chin. Rocky Graziano, noted for his savage punching and ferocious attack, seemed to be wearing a straitjacket as he struggled to keep from winning over the Michigan collegian in the Stadium.

Gavilan had no such reluctance. He was tough and he was durable. In 25 bruising rounds with Sugar Ray Robinson, he had never come close to hitting the canvas. Davey was a southpaw with a master's degree, but although Gavilan had no such academic credentials, he turned around and boxed left-handed and proved more skillful from either side than Davey.

It went into the recordbooks as a 10th-round knockout for Gavilan, who had no difficulty punching his game opponent at will. Davey fought a few more times after that and finally retired.

The losing bout with Davey marked the bottom of Graziano's boxing career. He became a television actor, a field for which he got an early start in his fight with Davey, and in which he became very successful. Graziano was a boyhood pal of another middleweight champion, Jake LaMotta. Graziano often said that if LaMotta had a normal-size head, he'd have been only a lightweight.

LaMotta countered by telling about the fighter who once said to his manager, "Get me a fight with Rocky Graziano. I want to fight Rocky Graziano. When can I fight Rocky Graziano?"

The manager replied, "For the last time I'm gonna tell you, you *are* Rocky Graziano!"

"Graziano was an explosive fighter," Bentley recalls. "I was the ring announcer when he fought Zale in 1947. I had my tux on, and I went into the dressing room to wish him good luck. Rocky was superstitious. He had his gloves on and just nodded to me and poked me because he wouldn't shake hands with me. He had a cigarette in his mouth as he was warming up. Rocky chainsmoked in the dressing room before his fights."

Graziano's three-bout series with Gary's Zale, in which Zale won two and Graziano one, is still considered among the greatest three fights any two battlers ever put on. Graziano lost to Zale in New York in 1946, beat Zale in the Stadium in '47, and then was kayoed in three rounds by Zale in 1948 in Newark. In an attempt to win the world middleweight title, Rocky was knocked out by Sugar Ray Robinson in three rounds at the Stadium on April 16, 1952. At that time, Robinson had been a pro for 12 years. His record: 131-2-2.

Robinson, who had a total of 202 fights, fought in Chicago 13 times, including the famed 1951 St. Valentine's Day Massacre in Chicago Stadium, when he stopped Jake LaMotta in 13 rounds to win the middleweight title. LaMotta won only one of his six fights with Robinson and once observed, "I fought Sugar Ray so many times, it's a wonder I didn't get diabetes."

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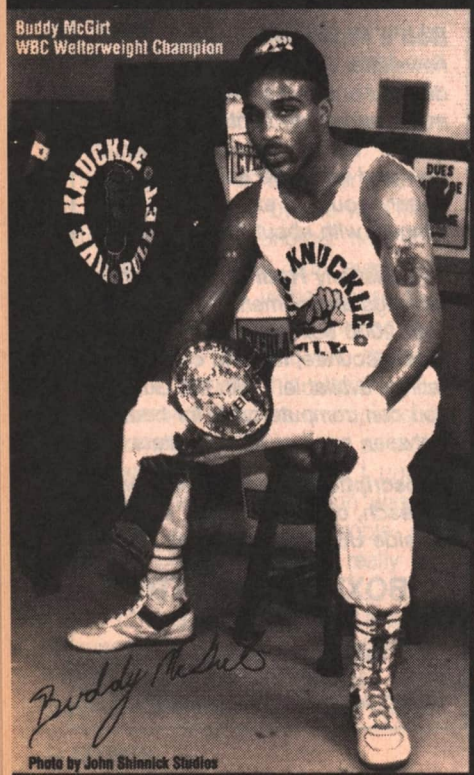

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"Today," Bentley says, "he'd be one of the top fighters in the world. He'd be a million-dollar fighter, that's how good Nate Bolden was."

Robinson compiled one of the most incredible boxing records in any era and is generally recognized as the best of his time. Amazingly, he was fighting main events from 1940 until 1965. He won the welterweight title once, the middleweight crown five times, and almost won the light heavyweight title.

"Sugar Ray Robinson would have beaten Marvin Hagler, Sugar Ray Leonard, Roberto Duran, and Thomas Hearns on successive nights," Bentley says. "Sugar Ray Leonard wouldn't even make a good sparring partner for Ray Robinson at his peak."

A man of great talent and limited humility, Robinson inspired one sportswriter to describe him as the "only man I ever saw who could strut while sitting down." In one of his many comebacks, Sugar Ray knocked out a balding Bobo Olson in Chicago Stadium in 1955 to regain the middleweight crown and then said, "The Lord was with me. I'm a great Christian."

Olson, who was distinguished by so many tattoos that Ring Lardner's son John once called him "a profusely illustrated Hawaiian," had a wife and six children, which painted a beautiful picture of domesticity. That was until it turned out he had another six children by a woman who was not his wife. At that point, Red Smith dubbed him "The Father Of The Year." Sugar Ray knocked him silly, and Olson soon gave up boxing to be a bartender.

Joey Maxim was a courageous, tough-chinned boxer with a gentle punch. His punch was so weak that when a sportswriter asked him about his wife's suit for divorce, charging cruelty, Maxim replied, "You know that can't be true. I can't hit hard enough to hurt her."

Maxim, a Clevelander, fought in Chicago 25 times. Under the guidance of Doc Kearns, Maxim boxed a raft of top contenders and champions while ducking the challenges of the ever-youthful Archie Moore. Kearns, whose managerial career spanned five decades, was unsurpassed in his unique talent for quickly scooping up large amounts of cash and spending it just as fast.

One of Kearns' tigers, Mickey Walker, lost only once in 12 Chicago bouts, a fight with Tommy Loughran for the light heavyweight title in March 1929. It was the first fight card ever held in the Stadium. Walker retired in 1939 after 163 bouts and became an artist. Kearns became broke until he could find another battler.

To nobody's surprise, when Archie Moore finally won Maxim's light heavyweight title in 1952, Kearns emerged as the new champ's manager. Seasoned through years of campaigning all over the world, Moore was a remarkable example of ageless durability in a business ordinarily limited to the young. Probably 39 years old when he won the title from Maxim, Moore continued boxing until 1963. According to his mother, he was born in 1913, making him 50 years old at his retirement.

Moore always spoke fondly of Kearns and his skill in attracting bountiful quantities of money. "Give him 200 pounds of steel wool," Moore said with a smile, "and he'll knit you a stove."

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Like many top boxers, Moore described Chicago's Bob Satterfield as one of the hardest hitters he ever faced. Satterfield was the possessor of a thundering punch, but had the proverbial glass jaw and frequently fell into a coma when an opponent massaged his chin too vigorously. This was no reflection on his courage. He'd fight just as long as he was conscious, but often that was only a moment or two. It made for interesting evenings for fans who preferred short bouts, but it was extremely frustrating for the oddsmakers.

Satterfield's manager, Ike Bernstein, was unhampered by any concern for his tiger's welfare, and would have matched him with a B-52 if he could have found a way to get the boxing commission to sanction it. In all, Satterfield was stopped something like 13 times during his professional career, but because of his heavy artillery, he was always dangerous. He commanded extreme respect from opponents, who included many of the world's top heavyweights and light heavyweights.

Despite Satterfield's spotty record, Ike kept him busy during the '50s. Fight fans would often look up from a swallow of beer to see their hero bouncing off the canvas. Between

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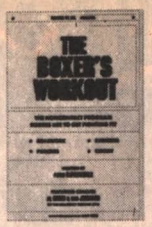

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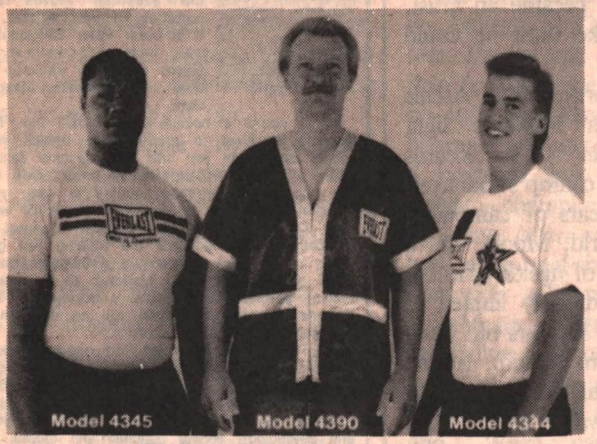

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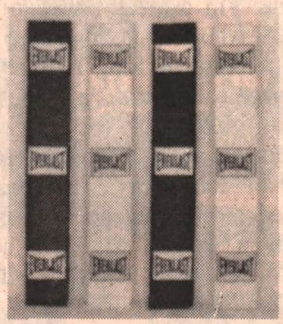

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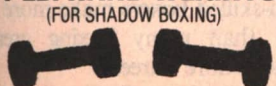

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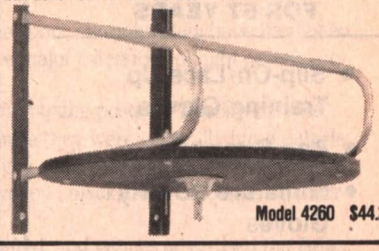

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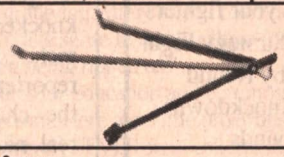

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Boxing In Chicago

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counting his money and dragging Satterfield to his corner, Bernstein stayed in top condition with only the slightest trace of muscle-boundness.

And then there was Fritzie Zivic.

"Fritzie Zivic was an entertaining fighter who boxed in Chicago 10 times," Bentley says. "He fought Milt Aron at the Coliseum in 1939 and knocked Milt down seven times, but couldn't keep him on the floor. Aron finally knocked out Zivic, who claimed the count was so fast it should have been put to a boogie-woogie beat. That was a year before Zivic won the welterweight title. Aron was a rabbi's son from Dubuque. He was very quiet and shy, [but] an excellent fighter."

A master of unsportsmanlike conduct, Zivic could thread a needle with his thumb. Opponents complained that he should have worn a boxing glove on top of his head. He appeared in 230 fights during an 18-year career.

Zivic was a good friend of another superb fighter, Billy Conn, who almost won the heavyweight title from Joe Louis in 1941. Conn's battle plan was to keep moving and outbox the champion, causing Louis to utter his oft-quoted line, "He can run, but he can't hide."

Conn followed the strategy so successfully that he was leading "The Brown Bomber" after 12 rounds. But he got careless in the 13th and was knocked out. Louis watched the fight pictures a few days later, and when a reporter asked how he enjoyed them, the champion replied, "They had a real nice ending."

In November 1948, Louis and Conn boxed a six-round exhibition in the Amphitheatre. Conn was 31, short on money, and thinking of a comeback. Always generous, Louis asked the promoter how much Conn was getting. When he heard the amount, Louis said, "Take five percent off my end and give it to Billy."

Although he was a Detroit native, Louis fought his first bout in Chicago in 1934, and 10 of his first 12 professional fights there. He never fought a preliminary. His first fight was a one-round knockout over Jack Kracken in July 1934. He was paid $52. He went up to $60 for his next fight, again in Chicago, against Willy Davis. In his seventh fight, he beat Adolph Wiater in Chicago and made $200.

Louis won the heavyweight title in Comiskey Park, in June 1937, with an eighth-round knockout over Jimmy Braddock. Tony Galento fought Arturo Godoy, "The Mild Bull Of The Pampas," on the undercard that night. As with all of Galento's fights, it was very rough. Both combatants were equally unsportsmanlike, but Godoy was more effective. Tony even hit the referee with a wild left in the first round and accused the official of deciding against him for that reason. He happily admitted his rough tactics.

A colorful character who trained on beer and ravioli, Galento battled his way to a shot at Louis' heavyweight title in 1939. He got knocked out, but only after he had Louis on the floor.

"Chicago has produced countless top fighters—champions and near-champions," Bentley says. "Barney Ross would be my first choice for the best Chicago fighter I ever saw. Jackie Fields would be second, and Johnny Bratton would be third. One of the greatest fights I ever saw in Chicago was between Bratton and Charley Fusari in the Stadium in 1951.

"Boxing in the old days was totally different. It was an event to go to Chicago Stadium to the fights. The women wore gorgeous fur jackets, and the men wore Italian silk suits. It was Fritzel's for dinner before, and the Chez Paree afterward for a gala evening. I can't watch fights today because with the five different organizations they have, everybody's a world champion. There are 17 different weight divisions now, so we have 85 so-called 'world champions.' Years ago, under the National Boxing Association, there were eight divisions, with one champion in each.

"Ironically, the money is the greatest in boxing history. However, I don't see any fighters today who could hold their own with Joe Louis, Tony Zale, Willie Pep, Henry Armstrong, Johnny Bratton, and many other stars of years past. Joe Louis would have whipped Mike Tyson quickly and easily. He would have done the same with Buster Douglas or Evander Holyfield. In those years, Larry Holmes would have been a preliminary fighter. Today, many semi-skilled boxers make more in one night than many boxing greats made in an entire career."

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Boxing Collector's Notebook

By Don Scott

Boxing posters have probably been around as long as the sport, but only lately have they been printed in large quantities for collectors. There are three major categories of fight posters: on-site posters, closed-circuit posters, and movie posters.

One of the toughest items to collect is the old fight site boxing poster. Posters were produced in very small quantities until the 1920s, and because they were generally hung outside, few survived. In the '30s through the '70s in the New York area, many fights were advertised all over the city with cardboard and paper beauties in yellow, black, and red. Some have survived and are very collectible.

In the '70s and '80s, closed-circuit telecasts predominated, and venues advertised the fights using small window card posters. Fight site posters were still very rare, but it was often hard to determine which was a true fight site poster.

And now we have pay-per-view. One would suspect, then, that fight posters would be nearly extinct, except the fight site variety. But nothing could be further from the truth. Promoters have tapped into the collectors' market by producing posters as souvenirs. Never before have posters been so accessible, and these posters are generally the same ones used at the actual fight venue. Every now and then, such as at the Julio Cesar Chavez-Meldrick Taylor fight, few full-sized posters are made. A collector version emerged after the fight that was different than the fight site poster.

What to buy? Just buy what you want to look at. Posters are imposing, as they hang there on your wall, year after year. Do not buy them as investments. Many collectors do not collect them, and they can be hard to sell.

What to pay? A legitimate fight site Dempsey-Tunney poster might bring $5,000 or more in auction, but that would be an extreme high end price. Ali closed-circuit posters sell for $100-150 in excellent condition. The mass-produced posters of today sell for $15-$40. Fight film posters of, say, a Marciano fight sell for $250-400.

There are also folks who collect posters of movies about boxing. These are all priced through the movie collectible market—and that is another story for another day.

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A word about prices: Those you find in this column are my best estimates, but will probably not be realized selling to dealers. (They have a right to a profit, and they take the risk.)

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Many *Ring* readers have either recently entered boxing collecting or have been in the hobby for years. Your support of this column is gratifying. Many of you have been asking the same questions of me, so I thought it would make sense to answer these for everyone. Here is the most-asked question: *How do I keep from being ripped off?*

There are no guarantees. *Nothing* substitutes for education and common sense. Know what you are paying for and who you are buying from. Here are some other tips:

- Never send cash through the mail, and never, NEVER send collectibles through the mail without packing them properly, insuring them, and getting a return receipt signed. Insist that folks who send you stuff do the same thing. YOU can be burned either way. There are horror stories in this hobby that would make you sick.
- Always tell the folks you buy from that you want the right to return it within a reasonable time (usually a week) for a complete refund.
- Get photos or photocopies of rare material ahead of time and make as many of your assessments regarding authenticity, using known experts, *before* you send your money.
- Never let the seller—*any* seller—of any item tell you how rare it is, and never assume rarity. "Gee, it was made in 1937, how common can it be?" In the case of some things, such as the Braddock-Louis ticket, it isn't that cheap, but it isn't that rare, either.
- Understand that if you buy from someone you do not know, or who does not have an established name in the hobby, you may get burned and your legal recourse may be difficult, especially when dealing in another state or country.

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Worldwide Ratings

WBC as of August

WBA as of September

IBF as of October

HEAVYWEIGHT	WBC	WBA	IBF
Evander Holyfield (USA)	C	C	C
Razor Ruddock (CAN)	1	2	4
Lennox Lewis (GB)	2	3	3
Riddick Bowe (USA)	3	1	1
Tony Tucker (USA)	4	5	9
George Foreman (USA)	5	4	2
Alex Stewart (JAM)	6	6	10
Larry Holmes (USA)	7	-	12
Alex Garcia (USA)	8	7	11
Tommy Morrison (USA)	9	10	8
Ray Mercer (USA)	10	9	7
Pierre Coetzer (SA)	-	8	5
Frank Bruno (GB)	18	-	6

CRUISERWEIGHT	WBC	WBA	IBF
Anaclet Wamba (FRA)	C	-	-
Bobby Czyz (USA)	-	C	-
Alfred Cole (USA)	4	-	C
Orlin Norris (USA)	1	1	1
Akim Tafer (FRA)	2	2	11
Nate Miller (USA)	3	10	8
Massimiliano Duran (ITA)	5	-	-
Dennis Andries (GB)	6	11	-
Jeff Lampkin (USA)	7	7	-
Arthur Williams (USA)	8	3	4
Dwight Muhammad Qawi (USA)	9	4	-
Richard Mason (USA)	10	-	-
James Warring (USA)	-	5	3
Don Lalonde (CAN)	-	6	-
Norbert Ekassi (CAM)	12	8	10
Uriah Grant (USA)	-	9	2
Marcelio Figueroa (ARG)	14	-	5
Derek Angol (GB)	11	-	6
Jason Waller (USA)	23	-	7
Francois Botha (SA)	-	-	9

LIGHT HEAVYWEIGHT	WBC	WBA	IBF
Jeff Harding (AUSTRL)	C	-	-
Charles Williams (USA)	-	-	C
Virgil Hill (USA)	2	C	-
David Vedder (USA)	1	-	-
Frank Tate (USA)	3	3	4
Randall Yonker (USA)	4	8	-
Crawford Ashley (GB)	5	7	-
Henry Maske (GER)	6	1	5
Andrew Maynard (USA)	7	10	-
Anthony Hembrick (USA)	8	-	12
Don Lalonde (CAN)	9	-	-
Wan Sub Lee (KOR)	10	6	-
Fabrice Tiozzo (FRA)	16	2	-
Thomas Hearns (USA)	-	4	-
Saul Montana (MEX)	17	5	2
Eric Nicoletta (FRA)	14	9	9
Tim Hillie (USA)	-	11	1
Esteban Pizarro (PR)	-	-	3
Andrea Maggi (ITA)	-	-	6
Robert Folley (USA)	-	-	7
Ernie Magdaleno (USA)	20	-	8
Chris Tiozzo (FRA)	11	-	10

SUPER MIDDLEWEIGHT	WBC	WBA	IBF
Mauro Galvano (ITA)	C	-	-
Michael Nunn (USA)	3	C	-
Iran Barkley (USA)	-	-	C
Nigel Benn (GB)	1	3	9
Frank Nicotra (FRA)	2	2	3
Tony Thornton (USA)	4	-	4
Henry Wharton (GB)	5	11	8
Merqui Sosa (DR)	6	5	11
Tim Littles (USA)	7	4	2
Darrin Van Horn (USA)	8	-	1
Vincenzo Nardiello (ITA)	9	6	-
Fidel Castro Smith (GB)	10	8	-
Victor Cordoba (PAN)	-	1	5
Frank Liles (USA)	13	7	-
James Cook (GB)	12	9	-
Mauricio Amaral (BRA)	28	10	-
Mwehu Beya (ITA)	14	-	6
Jean Tsidjo (FRA)	18	-	7
Doug DeWitt (USA)	16	-	10

MIDDLEWEIGHT	WBC	WBA	IBF
Julian Jackson (VI)	C	-	-
Reggie Johnson (USA)	-	C	-
James Toney (USA)	-	-	C
Sumbu Kalambay (ITA)	1	2	5
Lamar Parks (USA)	2	1	4
Roy Jones (USA)	3	4	2
Mike McCallum (JAM)	4	7	3
Herol Graham (GB)	5	-	10
Bernard Hopkins (USA)	6	6	1
Steve Collins (USA)	7	3	8
Jorge Castro (ARG)	8	9	-
Frederic Seillier (FRA)	9	-	-
Thomas Tate (USA)	10	-	-
Joe Gatti (USA)	15	5	12
Francesco Dell'Aquila (ITA)	14	8	11
Otis Grant (CAN)	12	10	-
Glenn Wolfe (USA)	-	-	6
Percy Harris (USA)	16	-	7
Tyrone Trice (USA)	13	-	9

JUNIOR MIDDLEWEIGHT	WBC	WBA	IBF
Terry Norris (USA)	C	-	-
Vinny Pazienza (USA)	-	C	-
Gianfranco Rosi (ITA)	-	-	C
Simon Brown (USA)	1	7	-
Aaron Davis (USA)	2	2	-
Jean-Claude Fontana (FRA)	3	5	5
Troy Waters (AUSTRL)	4	-	7
Julio Cesar Vasquez (ARG)	5	1	6
Carl Daniels (USA)	6	9	3
Yung Kil Chung (KOR)	7	3	-
Chris Pyatt (GB)	8	-	-
William Jones (USA)	9	-	-
Gilbert Dele (FRA)	10	6	1
Hitoshi Kamiyama (JAP)	14	4	-
Vernon Phillips (USA)	-	8	-
Vincent Pettway (USA)	11	10	2
Gilbert Baptist (USA)	-	-	4
Wally Swift (GB)	12	-	8
Lloyd Honeyghan (GB)	18	-	9
Gilberto Barreto (COL)	-	-	10

WELTERWEIGHT	WBC	WBA	IBF
James McGirt (USA)	C	-	-
Meldrick Taylor (USA)	-	C	-
Maurice Blocker (USA)	-	-	C
Genaro Leon (MEX)	1	4	8
Santos Cardona (PR)	2	-	-
Glenwood Brown (USA)	3	2	-
Crisanto Espana (VEN)	4	1	1
Yori Boy Campas (MEX)	5	6	3
David Gonzalez (USA)	6	-	-
Vernon Phillips (USA)	7	-	-
Jong Oh Park (KOR)	8	3	-
Donovan Boucher (CAN)	9	9	-
Ludovic Proto (FRA)	10	7	10
Luis Gabriel Garcia (VEN)	11	5	2
Buck Smith (USA)	12	8	5
Anthony Jones (USA)	13	10	11
Kevin Pompey (USA)	19	-	4
Stephan Johnson (USA)	26	-	6
Larry Barnes (USA)	-	-	7
Angel Hernandez (SPA)	-	-	9

JUNIOR WELTERWEIGHT	WBC	WBA	IBF
Julio Cesar Chavez (MEX)	C	-	-
Morris East (PHIL)	28	C	-
Pernell Whitaker (USA)	-	-	C
Juan M. Coggi (ARG)	1	1	7
Hector Camacho (PR)	2	5	-
Terrence Alli (USA)	3	2	1
Greg Haugen (USA)	4	-	-
Angel Hernandez (PR)	5	11	-

Charles Murray (USA)	6	-	2
Frankie Randall (USA)	7	-	-
Andy Holligan (GB)	-	-	5
Vince Phillips (USA)	9	12	3
Felix Trinidad (PR)	10	-	9
Edwin Rosario (PR)	15	3	-
Valery Kayumba (ZAI)	13	4	11
Ramon Zavala (VEN)	25	6	6
Rodolfo Aguilar (PAN)	-	7	-
Akinobu Hiranaka (JAP)	-	8	-
Donald Stokes (USA)	21	9	-
Loreto Garza (USA)	17	10	-
Rafael Pineda (COL)	-	-	4
Rodney Moore (USA)	-	-	8
William Ruiz (COL)	-	-	10

LIGHTWEIGHT	WBC	WBA	IBF
Miguel A. Gonzalez (MEX)	C	-	-
Joey Gamache (USA)	-	C	-
Darryll Tyson (USA)	1	3	6
Sharmba Mitchell (USA)	2	4	9
Tony Lopez (USA)	3	6	7
Rafael Ruelas (USA)	4	9	11
Wilfredo Rocha (COL)	5	-	-
Ramon Marchena (MEX)	6	-	-
Jean Mendy (FRA)	7	7	10
Jorge Paez (MEX)	8	5	3
Kostya Tszyu (CIS)	9	-	-
David Sample (USA)	10	-	-
Dingaan Thobela (SA)	-	1	8
Gussie Nazarov (CIS)	-	2	-
Chil Sung Chun (KOR)	-	8	-
Chad Broussard (USA)	18	10	-
Freddie Pendleton (USA)	15	-	1
Tracy Spann (USA)	12	-	2
Eduardo Molina (COL)	19	-	4
Miguel Julio (COL)	22	-	5

JUNIOR LIGHTWEIGHT	WBC	WBA	IBF
Azumah Nelson (GHA)	C	-	-
Genaro Hernandez (USA)	-	C	-
John-John Molina (PR)	-	-	C
Gabe Ruelas (USA)	1	2	3
Jeff Fenech (AUSTRL)	2	-	-
Bernard Taylor (USA)	3	10	1
Calvin Grove (USA)	4	3	5
Coco Ramirez (MEX)	5	8	2
Regilio Tuur (HOLL)	6	-	11
Renato Cornett (AUSTRL)	7	9	10
Jimmy Garcia (COL)	8	-	-
Victor Hugo Paz (ARG)	9	-	-
Jimmi Bredahl (DEN)	10	-	-
Yuji Watanabe (JAP)	17	1	-
Juan Negron (PR)	14	4	-
Harold Warren (USA)	20	5	-
Jesus Gutierrez (PAN)	-	6	-
Marcos Guevara (VEN)	22	7	-
Orlando Marimon (COL)	-	-	4
Wilson Rodriguez (DR)	-	-	6
Eugene Speed (USA)	12	-	7
November Ntshingila (SA)	-	-	8
Jose Vidal (USA)	16	-	9

FEATHERWEIGHT	WBC	WBA	IBF
Paul Hodkinson (GB)	C	-	-
Yung Kyun Park (KOR)	-	C	-
Manuel Medina (MEX)	-	-	C
Kevin Kelley (USA)	1	1	2
Ever Beleno (COL)	2	3	6
Goyo Vargas (MEX)	3	-	-
James Leija (USA)	4	7	4
Jose Ramos (DR)	5	-	-
Jemal Hinton (USA)	6	5	-
Tom Johnson (USA)	7	2	1
Miguel Arrozal (PHIL)	8	-	-
Troy Dorsey (USA)	9	-	-
Fabrice Benichou (FRA)	10	-	-
Eloy Rojas (VEN)	-	4	-
Luisito Espinosa (PHIL)	14	6	-
Orlando Soto (PAN)	-	8	3
Giovanni Nieves (VEN)	-	9	-
Tae Shik Chun (KOR)	30	10	-
Louie Espinoza (USA)	12	-	5
Tony Green (USA)	15	-	7
Maurizio Stecca (ITA)	19	-	8
Ricardo Cepeda (USA)	11	-	9
Moises Pedroza (COL)	-	-	10

JUNIOR FEATHERWEIGHT	WBC	WBA	IBF
Tracy Patterson (USA)	C	-	-
Wilfredo Vasquez (PR)	-	C	-
Welcome Ncita (SA)	-	-	C
Daniel Zaragoza (MEX)	1	-	-
Jesus Salud (USA)	2	7	2
Kennedy McKinney (USA)	3	1	1
Julio Gervacio (DR)	4	-	4
Rudy Zavala (USA)	5	-	-
Luis Mendoza (COL)	6	3	9
Jose Garcia (DR)	7	-	-
Jae Won Choi (KOR)	8	2	-
Thierry Jacob (FRA)	9	8	-
Otilio Gallegos (MEX)	10	-	-
Hiroaki Yokota (JAP)	19	4	-
Freddy Cruz (DR)	15	5	-
Antonio Cermeno (VEN)	-	6	-
Arnullo Romero (PAN)	-	9	-
Juan Rodriguez (COL)	-	10	-
Richard Duran (USA)	29	12	3
Jose Rincones (VEN)	-	-	5
Cesar Polanco (DR)	24	-	6
Ray Minus (BAH)	22	-	7
Luisito Espinosa (PHIL)	-	-	8
Nurhuda (INDO)	-	-	10

BANTAMWEIGHT	WBC	WBA	IBF
Joichiro Tatsuyoshi (JAP)	C	-	-
Victor Rabanales* (MEX)	C	-	-
Eddie Cook (USA)	-	C	-
Orlando Canizales (USA)	-	-	C
Eliecer Julio (COL)	1	1	11
Chang Kyun Oh (KOR)	2	-	-
Junior Jones (USA)	3	2	1
Gerardo Martinez (USA)	4	-	8
Clarence Adams (USA)	5	8	2
Daorung Chuvatana (THAI)	6	3	-
Yong Hoon Lee (KOR)	7	6	-
Javier Leon (MEX)	8	-	10
Johnny Bredahl (DEN)	9	-	-
Vincenzo Belcastro (ITA)	10	-	-
Yasuey Yakushiji (JAP)	11	4	9
Israel Contreras (VEN)	20	5	-
Abraham Torres (VEN)	-	7	6
Samuel Duran (PHIL)	11	9	-
Harold Mestre (COL)	26	10	5
Juvenal Berrio (COL)	-	-	3
Ricardo Vargas (MEX)	-	11	4
Junai Ramayana (INDO)	-	12	7

*Interim Champion

JUNIOR BANTAMWEIGHT	WBC	WBA	IBF
Sung Kil Moon (KOR)	C	-	-
Katsuya Onizuka (JAP)	-	C	-
Robert Quiroga (USA)	-	-	C
Greg Richardson (USA)	1	-	-
Joel Luna (MEX)	2	7	1
Thalerngsak Sithbaobay (THAI)	3	2	-
Jose Luis Bueno (MEX)	4	6	6
Armando Salazar (MEX)	5	-	-
Elvis Alvarez (COL)	6	-	-
Armando Castro (MEX)	7	1	8
Josefino Suarez (MEX)	8	-	3
Cecilio Espino (MEX)	9	-	-
Carlos Salazar (ARG)	10	-	-
Kotaro Hayashi (JAP)	19	3	11
Nana Konadu (GHA)	14	4	-
Hyun Chul Lee (KOR)	25	5	-
Jung Il Byun (KOR)	11	8	-
Lamhot Simamora (INDO)	21	9	9
David Marchan (VEN))	-	10	-
Yun Un Chin (KOR)	-	-	2
Carlos Mercado (COL)	18	-	4
Vincenzo Belcastro (ITA)	-	-	5
Samuel Duran (PHIL)	-	-	7
Ole Kiatwonway (THAI)	-	-	10

FLYWEIGHT	WBC	WBA	IBF
Yuri Arbachakov (CIS)	C	-	-
Aquiles Guzman (VEN)	-	C	-
Rodolfo Blanco (COL)	-	-	C
Isaias Zamudio (USA)	1	-	1
Alberto Jimenez (MEX)	2	-	-
Muangchai Kittikasem (THAI)	3	12	-
Yun Un Chin (KOR)	4	3	-
Al Kotey (GHA)	5	4	6
Francisco Tejedor (COL)	6	-	-
Cuauhtemoc Gomez (MEX)	7	-	-
Seung Koo Lee (KOR)	8	-	-
Antonio Perez (MEX)	9	-	-
Scotty Olson (CAN)	10	2	2
David Griman (VEN)	-	1	-
Alvaro Mercado (COL)	30	5	10
Yong Kang Kim (KOR)	-	6	-
Evangelio Perez (PAN)	-	7	-
Salvator Fanni (ITA)	14	8	8
Hisashi Tokushima (JAP)	17	9	-
Dave McAuley (IRE)	22	10	5
Pichit Sitbangphachan (THAI)	26	-	3
Tongchai Kittikasem (THAI)	-	-	4
Rafael Caban (PR)	-	-	7
Harold Grey (COL)	-	-	9

LIGHT FLYWEIGHT	WBC	WBA	IBF
Humberto Gonzalez (MEX)	C	-	-
Hiroka Ioka (JAP)	-	C	-
Michael Carbajal (USA)	-	-	C
Melchor Cob Castro (MEX)	1	8	6
Nam Hoon Cha (KOR)	2	4	-
Javier Varguez (MEX)	3	-	8
Leon Salazar (PAN)	4	-	4
Alejandro Montiel (MEX)	5	6	-
Kwang Sun Kim (KOR)	6	9	-
Domingo Sosa (DR)	7	-	-
Napa Kiatwanchai (THAI)	8	-	-
Shiro Yahiro (Japan)	9	5	9
Jesus Chong (MEX)	10	10	-
Myung Woo Yuh (KOR)	-	1	12
Juan A. Torres (PAN)	13	2	2
Leo Gamez (VEN)	-	3	-
Robinson Cuesta (PAN)	28	7	1
Fahlan Lukmingkwan (THAI)	-	-	3
Azadin Anhar (INDO)	-	-	5
Jesus Zuniga (COL)	-	-	7
Jacob Matlala (SA)	-	-	10

STRAWWEIGHT	WBC	WBA	IBF
Ricardo Lopez (MEX)	C	-	-
Hi Yong Choi (KOR)	-	C	-
Manny Melchor (PHIL)	-	-	C
Rocky Lim (JAP)	1	6	-
Ala Villamor (PHIL)	2	5	1
Chana Porpaoin (THAI)	3	1	-
Carlos Murillo (PAN)	4	2	2
Hideyuki Ohashi (JAP)	5	3	-
Kwang Soo Oh (KOR)	6	9	-
Rafael Torres (DR)	7	4	3
Sung Woo Lee (KOR)	8	10	-
Andy Tabanas (PHIL)	9	7	12
Ju Sup Shin (KOR)	10	-	-
Phalan Lukmingkwan (THAI)	-	8	-
Felix Naranjo (COL)	-	-	4
Ratanapol Vorapin (THAI)	-	-	5
Alejandro Montiel (MEX)	-	-	6
Carlos Rodriguez (VEN)	22	-	7
Toto Pongswang (THAI)	-	-	8
Alfredo Xeque (MEX)	19	-	9
Marcelino Bolivar (VEN)	24	-	10

RING CLASSIC

"I CAN WHIP ANY FIGHTER IN THE WORLD"

From The Ring, September 1968

By Bob Foster
(World Light Heavyweight Champion)
As Told To Murray Goodman

Two years ago, I was ready to quit the ring.

Today, I am light heavyweight champion of the world, and confident that I can whip any fighter in the world.

In Washington, D.C., where I make my home with my wife, Pearl, and our four children, I am not considered a braggart in any sense of the word. I am known as a friendly, reasonably pleasant human being, except at times when I'm training for an important fight. When you get to be 29 years of age in the boxing business, every fight is an important fight.

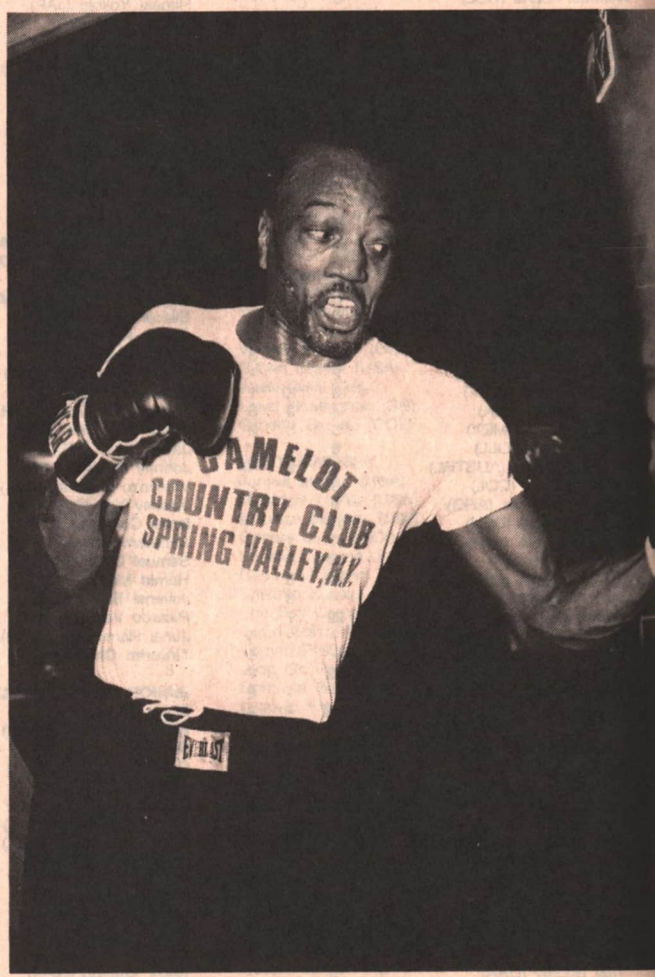
I look around the boxing scene and see nobody in front of me or on the horizon who is better than I am. I bar nobody. I stand ready to fight any light heavyweight in the world who will give me the same financial courtesy that I gave Dick Tiger.

I am not greedy, but I haven't made any money, either. When you're champion of the world you should make money. I can't see any light heavyweights around I can't beat, but boxing is a strange thing. The other guy always thinks he's better, and that's what creates the drama and excitement. I thought I was better than Dick Tiger and gambled $100,000 on it.

As for heavyweights, there are only four at this point who would make meaningful fights conducive to big money. As long as Cassius Clay is listed as a champion, he must be considered. Titles are won in the ring. I would never want to win a title by default, and if Clay becomes available and free to fight, I would not hesitate one moment in fighting him, if the price were right.

Clay has never met a puncher in his prime, or a man who has the reach and speed to match him.

I rate Jimmy Ellis and Joe Frazier fairly even. I don't think that either of them could stand up against my punching. Ellis is the much better boxer, but he showed



Reborn at age 29, light heavyweight champion Bob Foster is seeking the fame and wealth that come with a world title. He's even willing to challenge heavyweights.

against Jerry Quarry that he can be hurt, and I am certain that Quarry would not want to match hitting power with me.

Frazier, a rugged competitor and a guy who stays on top of you, is easy to hit and made to order for a real puncher. I have a suspicion that the Frazier chin is vulnerable.

The only other heavyweight who would have any gate meaning would be Floyd Patterson, and he could be the toughest opponent of all among the heavyweights. Floyd is tenacious and experienced, and comes off the floor more dangerous than he was before a knockdown.

There would be no point in fighting other heavyweights. I have been offered a Buster Mathis fight, but Mathis will have to earn the right to fight me. He wasn't exactly a sensation against Frazier.

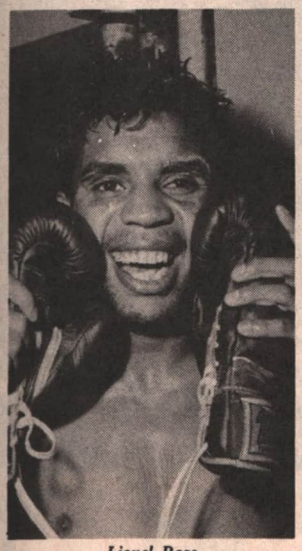
There has been much written about my not being able to fight heavyweights. Sure, I lost all my fights—four of them—with heavyweights, but these fights were very early in my career, or I came in as a substitute.

I was probably the most mismanaged guy in the world until Mush Salow came along to buy my contract. He nursed me, encouraged me, helped me, taught me.

Everything I am in boxing I owe to him. Mush is as fine and honest a man as I ever met in boxing, or anywhere else for that matter. He makes all my matches, and I go only where he goes. That's the way it has to be.

He would never have tossed me in against a Doug

THE RING RATINGS, *September 1968*



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HEAVYWEIGHTS

World Champ: **Cassius Clay**, Houston, TX

1. **Joe Frazier**, Philadelphia, PA
2. **Jimmy Ellis**, Louisville, KY
3. **Jerry Quarry**, Los Angeles, CA
4. **Manuel Ramos**, Mexico
5. **Oscar Bonavena**, Argentina
6. **Leotis Martin**, Philadelphia, PA
7. **Eduardo Corletti**, England
8. **Thad Spencer**, Portland, OR
9. **Henry Clark**, San Francisco, CA
10. **Boone Kirkman**, Seattle, WA

LIGHT HEAVYWEIGHTS

World Champ: **Bob Foster**, Washington, D.C.

1. **Dick Tiger**, Biafra
2. **Gregorio Peralta**, Argentina
3. **Jose Torres**, Puerto Rico
4. **Mark Tessman**, Houston, TX
5. **Harold Johnson**, Philadelphia, PA
6. **Bob Dunlop**, Australia
7. **Lothar Stengel**, Germany
8. **Piero Del Papa**, Italy
9. **Johnny Persol**, New York, NY
10. **Andy Kendall**, Portland, OR

MIDDLEWEIGHTS

World Champ: **Nino Benvenuti**, Italy

1. **Sandro Mazzinghi**, Italy
2. **Emile Griffith**, New York, NY
3. **Don Fullmer**, West Jordan, UT
4. **Luis Rodriguez**, Miami Beach, FL
5. **Ki Soo Kim**, South Korea
6. **Juan Carlos Duran**, Italy
7. **Ferd Hernandez**, Las Vegas, NV
8. **Tom Bogs**, Denmark
9. **Gypsy Joe Harris**, Philadelphia, PA
10. **Denny Moyer**, Portland, OR

WELTERWEIGHTS

World Champ: **Curtis Cokes**, Dallas, TX

1. **Jose Napoles**, Mexico
2. **Raul Soriano**, Mexico
3. **Carmelo Bossi**, Italy
4. **Ernie Lopez**, Las Vegas, NV
5. **Percy Pugh**, New Orleans, LA
6. **Manuel Gonzalez**, Odessa, TX
7. **Stan Hayward**, Philadelphia, PA
8. **Musashi Nakano**, Japan
9. **Pete Toro**, Puerto Rico
10. **Lennox Beckles**, Guyana

JUNIOR WELTERWEIGHTS

World Champ: **Paul Fujii**, Honolulu, HI

1. **Nicolino Locche**, Argentina
2. **Bruno Arcari**, Italy
3. **Marcel Cerdan**, France
4. **Willi Quatuor**, Germany
5. **Rodrigo Valdes**, Colombia
6. **Juan Sombrita**, Spain
7. **Johann Orsolics**, Austria
8. **Adolph Pruitt**, St. Louis, MO
9. **Joao Henrique**, Brazil
10. **German Gastelbondo**, Colombia

LIGHTWEIGHTS

World Champ: **Carlos (Teo) Cruz**, Dominican Republic

1. **Carlos Ortiz**, New York, NY
2. **Ismael Laguna**, Panama
3. **Pedro Carrasco**, Spain
4. **Ken Buchanan**, Scotland
5. **Frankie Narvaez**, Puerto Rico
6. **Lloyd Marshall**, Newark, NJ
7. **Rene Roque**, France
8. **Victor Melendez**, Puerto Rico
9. **Akihisa Someya**, Japan
10. **Borge Krogh**, Denmark

JUNIOR LIGHTWEIGHTS

World Champ: **Hiroshi Kobayashi**, Japan

1. **Jose Legra**, Spain
2. **Rene Barrientos**, Philippines
3. **Mando Ramos**, Los Angeles, CA
4. **Yoshiaki Numata**, Japan
5. **Carlos Canete**, Argentina
6. **Arturo Lomeli**, Mexico
7. **Don Johnson**, Los Angeles, CA
8. **Jaime Valladares**, Ecuador
9. **Kang Suh Il**, South Korea
10. **Marcus Anderson**, Louisville, KY

FEATHERWEIGHTS

World Champ: **Title Vacant**

1. **Howard Winstone**, Wales
2. **Johnny Famechon**, Australia
3. **Fighting Harada**, Japan
4. **Bobby Valdez**, San Diego, CA
5. **Raul Rojas**, San Pedro, CA
6. **Jose Moreno**, San Jose, CA
7. **Shozo Saijyo**, Japan
8. **Dwight Hawkins**, Los Angeles, CA
9. **Jose Jimenez**, Mexico
10. **Roy DeFilippas**, San Diego, CA

BANTAMWEIGHTS

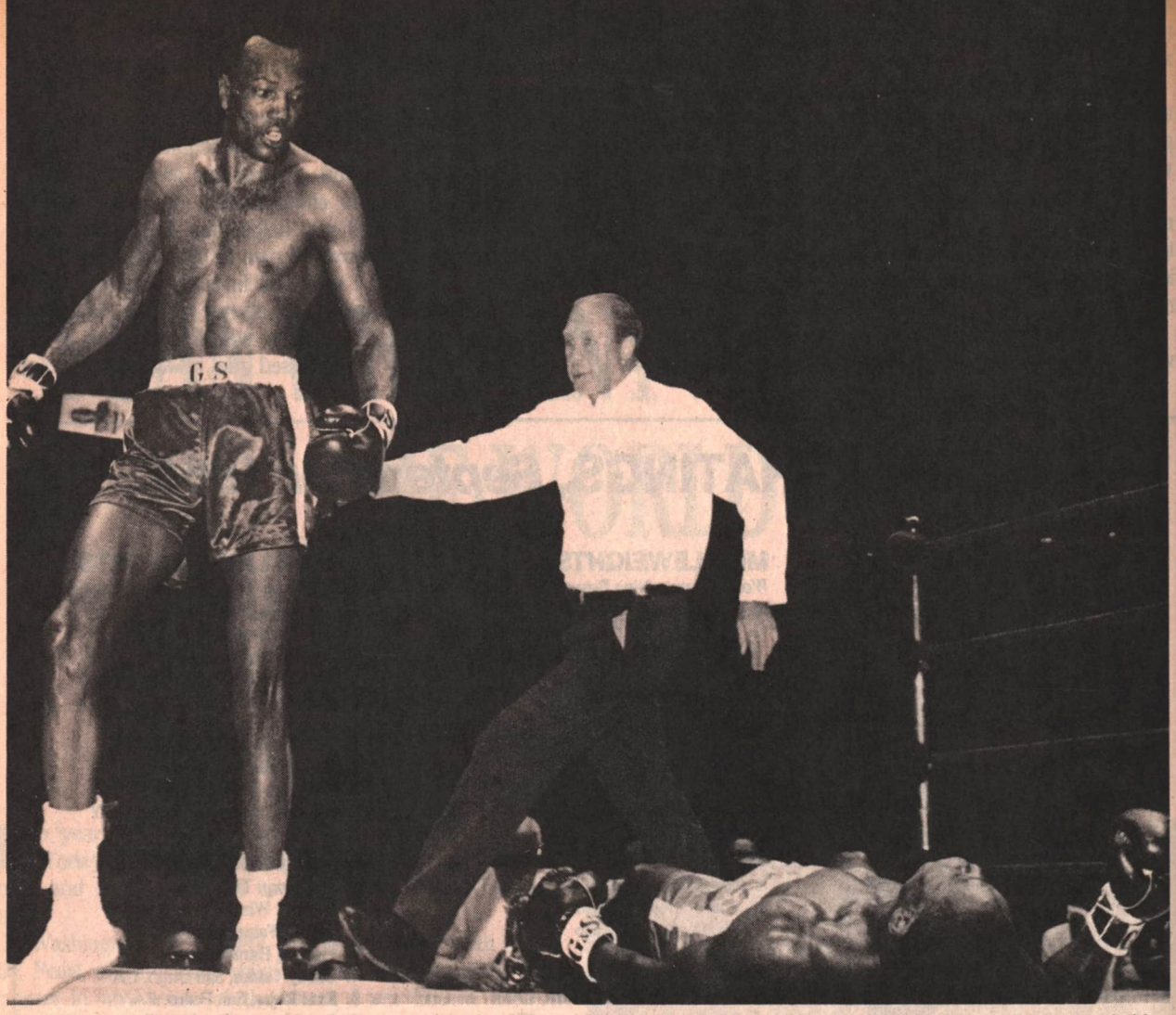
World Champ: **Lionel Rose**, Australia

1. **Takao Sakurai**, Japan
2. **Jesus Pimental**, Los Angeles, CA
3. **Eigo Takagi**, Japan
4. **Ruben Olivares**, Mexico
5. **Chucho Castillo**, Mexico
6. **Rollie Penaroya**, Philippines
7. **Alan Rudkin**, England
8. **Franco Zurlo**, Italy
9. **Salvatore Burruni**, Italy
10. **Kazuyoshi Kanazawa**, Japan

FLYWEIGHTS

World Champ: **Chartchai Chionoi**, Thailand

1. **Raton Mojica**, Nicaragua
2. **Hiroyuki Ebihara**, Japan
3. **Bernabe Villacampo**, Philippines
4. **Octavio Gomez**, Mexico
5. **John McCluskey**, Scotland
6. **Efren Torres**, Mexico
7. **Fernando Atzori**, Italy
8. **Walter McGowan**, Scotland
9. **Jose Severino**, Brazil
10. **Horacio Accavallo**, Argentina



Foster's title-winning kayo of Dick Tiger, registered in May 1968 at Madison Square Garden, was among the most brutal knockouts in title fight history. Tiger had been previously stopped only once. Incredibly, Foster downed him with a single punch, a hook to the jaw in the fourth round. "Was I on the floor?" Tiger later asked.

Jones, at his best, as a substitute in my 10th professional fight. He never would have accepted Ernie Terrell, and certainly not a spoiler like Zora Folley. My fourth loss was to Mauro Mina, a heavy light heavyweight whom I fought in his native Lima, Peru. I beat him up so badly he had to bow out of a Garden date. Of course, he got the decision.

They question my ability to take a punch. I have been stopped twice, technically, but never by knockout. As for taking punches, I have taken what has been dished out. Fortunately, I have been mostly on the contributing end.

I don't believe in taking punishment to prove a point. My sole purpose in any fight is to get in and out of that ring as soon as possible. I have knocked out 24 of 34 opponents, which must be a fair batting average in any league.

Plans for the immediate future? I will have what I consider a major fight in August, over the weight, possibly against Roger Rouse in Montana. We have been offered a good payday for this one, and it is not an easy fight.

Rouse is an underrated fighter who had a bad night against Tiger, a real pro. Hopefully, I expect a title defense in September or October. Who it will be is doubtful at this time because a contender of solid stature must be developed.

We have no preference in the 175-pound class, and we include Dick Tiger. We will be happy to give Tiger a return bout, and I told him so immediately after our fight in the Garden. He's a fine gentleman and a great fighter.

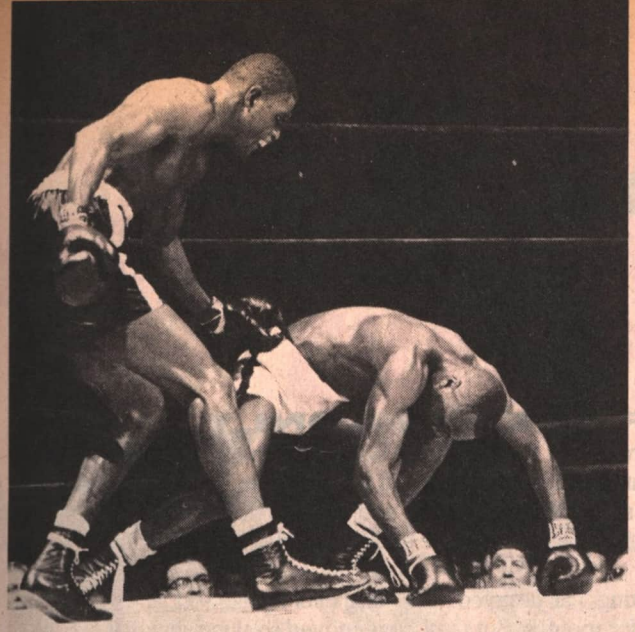
We also are awaiting developments in the heavyweight division. If certain fights don't come off, notably Ellis-Patterson and Ellis-Frazier, then there is a possibility that they might find me attractive enough from a money standpoint to give me a shot. As I said, I will fight either one.

In any case, my manager will have me fighting at a pace of one a month. You can't make money in the gym, and you don't stay in shape in a gym. Only by fighting can you stay sharp.

We will not be fighting what some might call a bum-of-the-month club. We will seek out the best available opponents for the most money. A promoter has to make money, too, and he can't make it with me fighting stiffs.

Every fight will be a fight. I do not mean to indicate that we accept all comers. There are heavyweights you fight only for a great deal of money. If the money is there, we will fight them. But a match also has to have a meaning for me.

If it's a name heavyweight, it must be a steppingstone to a title shot. I'm not seeking to fight the heavyweights looking to get their reputations back at my expense. While



Foster, who stands 6'3", isn't used to taller foes. When he faced Ernie Terrell in July 1964, he had to stretch his neck. The 6'6" Terrell scored a seventh-round kayo.

I am confident that I can lick any of them, there is no need for me to fight them just for the payday and the workout.

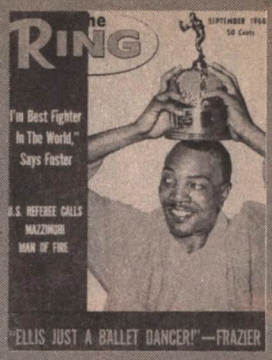
I have never stayed too far out of condition. I enjoy training, and I am ready to fight anybody my manager tells me to fight. I don't know what it is: being champion after so long a wait, good management, or what have you. But never before in my career have I ever felt so confident in my own abilities.

Foster with wife Pearl and their four children (from left: Tony, Yolanda, Mildred, and Bob Jr.). The champion credits manager Mush Salow for his recent success.

I am not one to kid myself. I know what I can do and intend to do it. I have surveyed the field—light heavyweight and heavyweight—and see no obstacles. I can whip any fighter in the world today. My goal is to be the first light heavyweight champion in history to win the heavyweight title. ■

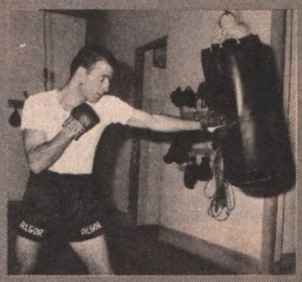
THE RING, September 1968

The Cover: Bob Foster, who won the world light heavyweight title by knocking out Dick Tiger in May, is seeking bigger paydays, even if that means fighting bigger opponents. The lanky powerpuncher is a top candidate for Fighter of the Year.



Joe Comes Out Smokin': In an exclusive first-person story, unbeaten heavyweight contender Joe Frazier comments on the WBA heavyweight elimination tournament that was won by Jimmy Ellis. "[It] was not a fight," wrote Frazier. "It was just a ballet dance." Frazier is likely to challenge Ellis in the immediate future. Pictured: Ellis and Jerry Quarry in the tournament final.

A View From The Inside: World-class referee Harold Valan reports on world junior middleweight champion Sandro Mazzinghi (pictured), who, in May, regained the title by outpointing Ki Soo Kim in Milan, Italy. (Valan worked the fight.) Valan described Mazzinghi as "a highly aggressive fighter," and "more interesting to watch than [world middleweight champion] Nino Benvenuti."



Uneasy Lies The Crown: Lester Bromberg examines the myth and reality of the heavyweight title. The popular belief, he writes, is that "the man who owns the heavyweight title has the world on a string . . . " Such has not always been the case, as with Jack Johnson, Max Baer (pictured), and Muhammad Ali.

Fighter Of The Month: Joe Frazier is hailed for his overpowering performance against Mexican bomber Manuel Ramos. Frazier scored a two-round kayo at Madison Square Garden, all but assuring him of a try at newly crowned WBA champion Jimmy Ellis.

Looking Ahead

By Jeff Ryan

Kelley: Waiting and waiting and . . .

THE KING OF QUEENS—ONLY

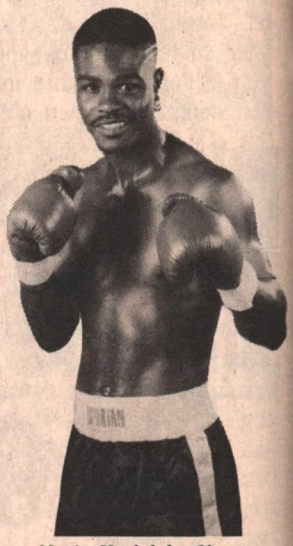
To say that Kevin Kelley is ready for his title shot is like saying that George Burns is ready to start shaving. The undefeated featherweight from Queens, New York, has been ranked first by the WBA since December 1991, and by the WBC since March 1992. (The IBF rates him second.) The last act to be entrenched this long at the top of the charts was The Beatles.

Kelley's promoter, MSG Boxing, has targeted WBC king Paul Hodkinson, and negotiations have been ongoing for months. But they have moved so sluggishly that everyone is wondering if the letters MSG stand for monosodium glutamate, and not Madison Square Garden.

In exchange for being able to co-promote, along with Hodkinson's promoter, Barney Eastwood, the Kelley camp will most likely agree to fight in Belfast, Northern Ireland, and will allow Hodkinson to make another title defense first. MSG's Steve Griffith says Kelley's title shot will come "sometime in the first quarter of 1993."

"It will be a great relief when it comes," Kelley says. "I think about it every day. This waiting has been a killer."

CALIFORNIA DREAMIN'?



Norris: Headed for Chavez

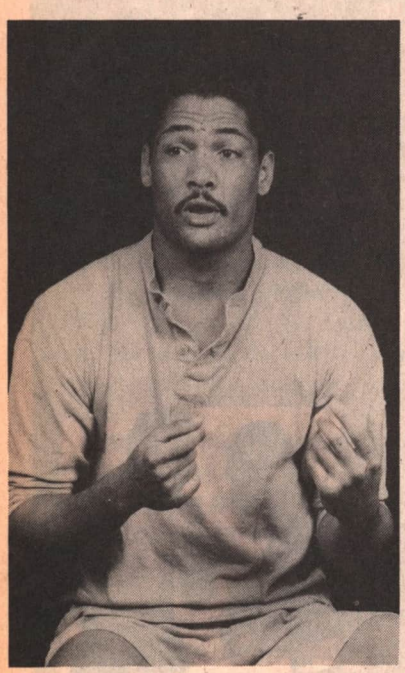
Best Fighter in Boxing is a title akin to Best Arm in Baseball. Four or five fighters have annointed themselves the former, while a half-dozen outfielders have staked their claims to the latter. But boxing at least has a way of punching through the confusion. Toward that end, promoters Don King and Dan Goossen hope to match WBC super lightweight titlist Julio Cesar Chavez and WBC super welterweight ruler Terry Norris at Jack Murphy Stadium, home of the Padres, Chargers, and San Diego Chicken.

If the master plan materializes, the two champions will square off on September 15, which just happens to be Mexican Independence Day. Why San Diego? Because the city has become Norris' adopted hometown, it has a sizable Hispanic population, and its proximity to the Mexican border assures a huge turnout of Chavez loyalists.

Bill Wilson, the stadium's general manager, says seating capacity for Chavez-Norris would be 70,000.

"You can't have enough tickets for a Chavez fight right now," says Goossen. "We need a much bigger stadium than is available in Las Vegas."

The fighters will weigh in at a compromise 147½ pounds, with Norris' belt at stake. If Chavez wins, he will have captured titles in four weight classes. If Norris wins, the former high school centerfielder may want to grab a ball, head out to the warning track, and—considering that his arm will already be loose—see if he can gain that other title, too.



Hill: Bigger challenges?

LISTEN UP

In a rare clash of superstars at their peak, **Buddy McGirt** and **Pernell Whitaker** will face off on March 6 at Madison Square Garden. HBO will televise the defense of McGirt's WBC welterweight crown . . . WBA light heavyweight king **Virgil Hill** says he would be willing to move up to *heavyweight*. "Holyfield for $15-million?" Hill wondered. "Everybody wants to fight Evander. He's the money man." For Hill to get those kinds of bucks, the purse breakdown would leave Holyfield with $1.38. ■

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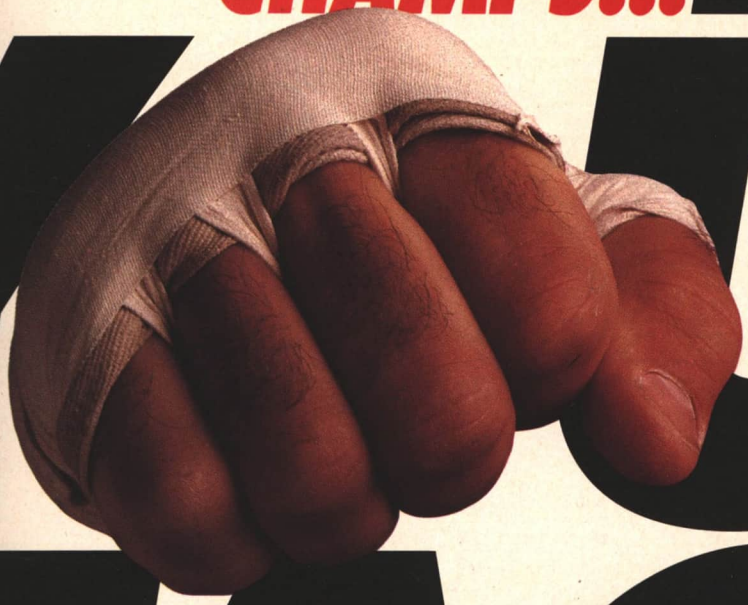

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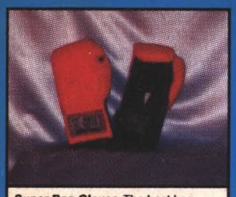

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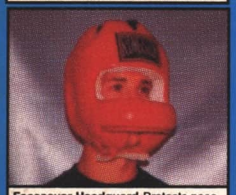

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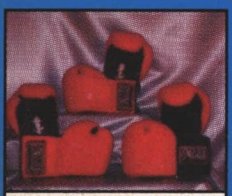

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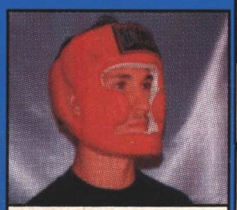

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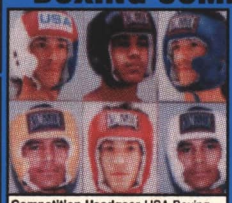
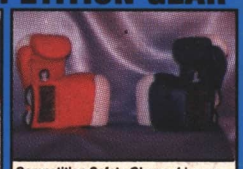


Competition Headgear-USA Boxing approved. **#SG**(w/cheek)**#SG-1**(w/out cheek)**$42.** S,M,L; Red, White, Blue, Gold, Black, & USA.



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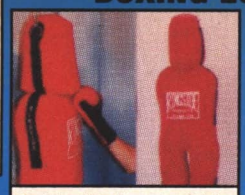

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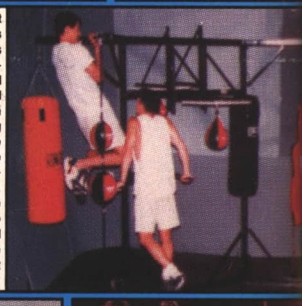

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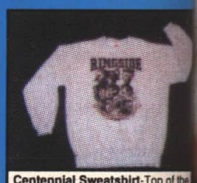

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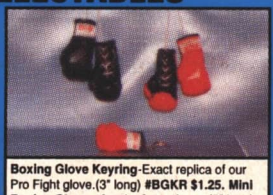

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